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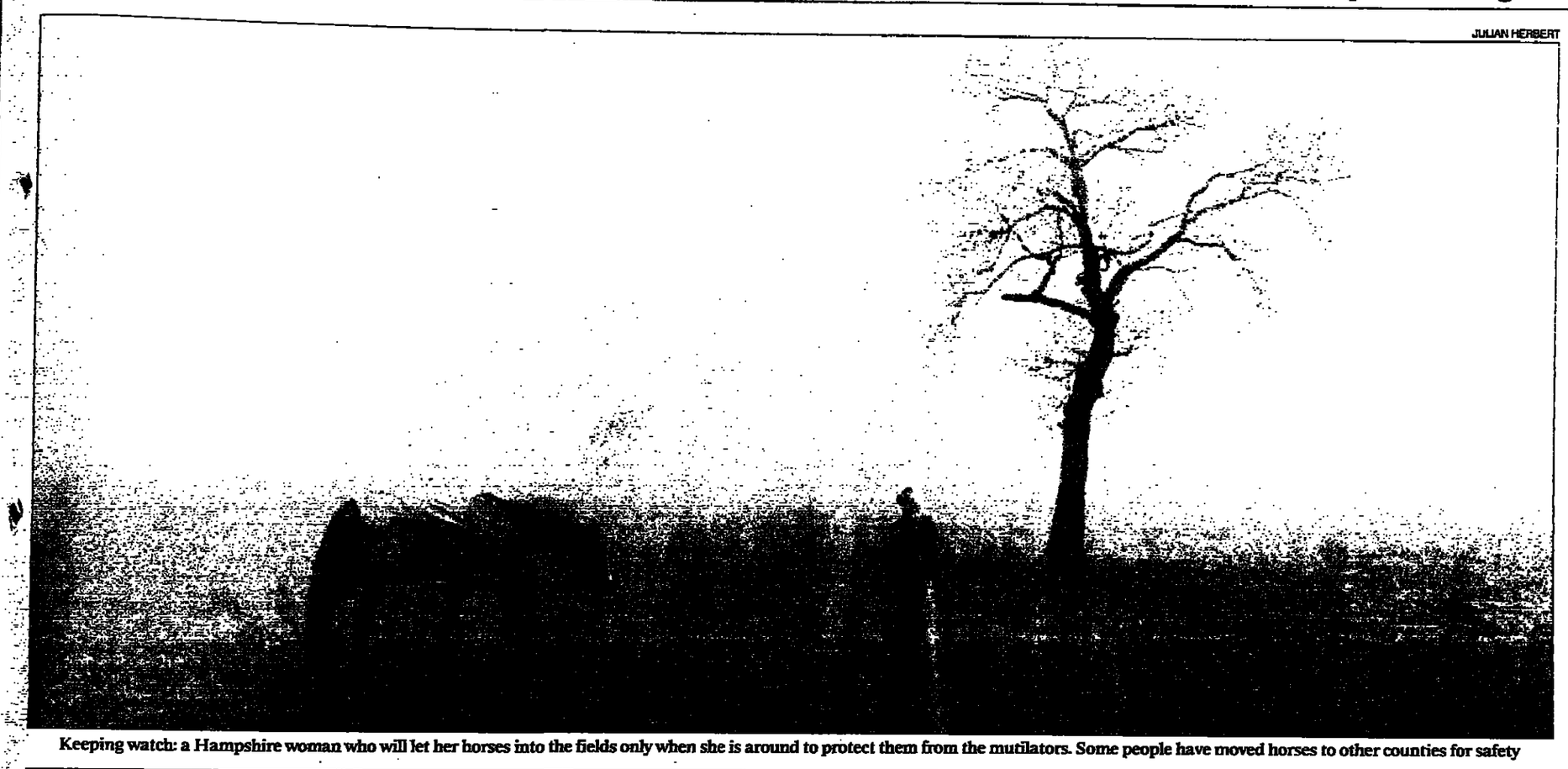
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Vigil in the mist: Home Counties horse owners mount a 24-hour guard against attacks

JULIAN HERBERT



Keeping watch: a Hampshire woman who will let her horses into the fields only when she is around to protect them from the mutilators. Some people have moved horses to other counties for safety

Children given 'stay in' warning

BY LIN JENKINS

CHILDREN are sleeping alongside their ponies and vigilante groups are running night patrols as frustration grows over the series of sexual attacks on horses in the Home Counties.

Parents have discovered girls as young as seven missing from their beds after they have sneaked out to check on ponies in remote fields and stables. Angie Johnson, co-ordinator of the south coast branch of Horsewatch, has joined police in advising parents to keep their children under lock and key.

"I have had calls from parents whose seven-year-olds have disappeared at two in the morning. Others say their teenage daughters are sleeping in barns to be near the horses, and taking along their boyfriends with flick knives in case they meet an intruder. It is really getting out of proportion. Parents must keep their children at home," she said, adding that adults should accompany children on visits to isolated fields and stables.

Throughout rural Hampshire, where most of the attacks have taken place, riding schools and livery yards have increased security. Sensor lights are sold out in some areas, and many yards now ensure a groom lives on site.

More than 1,200 people have telephoned the police to give information to Operation Mountbatten. Police believe from the methods used and from information received that three different people are responsible for the attacks in the county. They have no reason to believe that they are working together, or are members of a cult.

Reports of horses having manes and tails cut, both in

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Portillo turns screw on public spending

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ No corner of Whitehall spending will escape the scrutiny of the most extensive audit of government spending to date. The results could affect policy decisions for decades

THE toughest scrutiny of public spending for more than a decade has been ordered by John Major in an effort to stop public borrowing spiralling out of control.

The Treasury will announce next week that all departments are to be subjected to a rigorous review in a four-year rolling programme to pinpoint areas where state support may no longer be needed.

Michael Portillo, Treasury chief secretary, will ask key Whitehall departments to examine their entire spending programmes in the short and longer term. Initially he will tackle three to five departments, including the £80 billion social security budget which accounts for a third of public spending. Defence is also expected to be one of the first to come under scrutiny.

Mr Portillo will also look at whether spending can be better targeted. He will examine, for example, areas where the private sector can subsidise projects such as road building and pensions — social security sources have floated the idea of encouraging people to opt out of state retirement pensions — or take over Jobcentres. "There is no reason why Brook Street Bureau could not take over the role of Jobcentres," an official said.

Initial findings will be used to influence the public spending round this year, but the Treasury made clear yesterday that the chief secretary would use the exercise as the base for a much longer-term strategy, which could change the shape of public spending. "He will be looking to see if expenditure in certain areas has outlived its purpose." Although the review will be completed by the next election, it will influence policy decisions that could have their impact 20 years ahead, such as equalising pension ages and building schools.

The Labour party warned Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, not to break election pledges on spending in key areas such as health and welfare benefits. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said last night: "Ministers cannot tear up yet more election pledges without a wave of anger throughout the country about the consequences for health care, schools, transport, basic amenities and our quality of life."

With public-sector borrowing likely to reach £37 billion this year and at least £44 billion next year, the government is anxious to reassure the markets of its determination to cut the budget deficit by taking a firm control on spending. The prime minister has made clear that he would favour tighter curbs on public spending rather than higher taxes.

Despite stringent measures in last year's public spending round, which resulted in cuts in some ministries, Mr Portillo is now searching for better value for money throughout Whitehall. Officials said that the search would focus on spending programmes rather than on administration which has been tackled separately.

Mr Major underlined this tough approach to public spending in his speech at the Carlton Club on Wednesday. "It is always dangerously easy for the state to settle into habits of spending which outlast their purpose and outrun their budgets," he said, "and to avoid that happening it is necessary from time to time to re-examine long-term trends in expenditure. If we are to sustain sound public finance and make progress towards our goals of lower personal taxation, we must keep firm control of inflation and take a rigorous approach to public spending."

A decision to examine spending departments in turn was taken in principle by the cabinet last May, before last year's spending round. Mr Portillo's lenient approach to the social security department last autumn may well have been a signal that a radical streamlining of the government's highest spending department was on the way.

Although Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, has insisted recently that it is difficult to curb benefit payments during a recession, Treasury advisers feel that the government has no other option. Child benefit, retirement pensions, unemployment benefit and disability benefits will all be reviewed.

Many members of the cabinet feel that universal benefits are no longer sustainable and there have been calls for taxing or means-testing child benefit.

Mr Lilley is known to be concentrating on pension reforms. Although he has focused so far on equalising pension ages, he is said to be reviewing additional pension payments to the over-85s and curbing tax allowances for pensioners.

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Latimer: centre of published innuendo

Major asks magazines for cash

BY RICHARD FORD AND PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN Major is demanding "substantial" compensation from the *New Statesman and Society* and *Scallywag* magazines over articles linking him with Clare Latimer, the Westminster caterer.

The prime minister's lawyers, Biddle and Co, signalled his intention to pursue his legal actions when they said yesterday that a letter to Mr Major, reprinted in this week's edition, did not go far enough. The magazine responded that it was disappointed, and repeated its appeal for the litigation to be "brought to an end as speedily as it has been commenced". It faces legal bills estimated at over £25,000.

A spokesman for Biddle and Co said: "The litigation continues until the *New Statesman* and the other defendants take a realistic view of the matter."

Lawyers for both magazines have received letters from the prime minister's solicitors de-

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Clinton seeks own envoy to rework Bosnia settlement

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration is considering appointing a special envoy to gauge whether the UN peace plan for Bosnia can be renegotiated into an acceptable form.

White House officials said that the idea would be to "build upon" the plan developed by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, the EC and UN mediators, which divides Bosnia-Herzegovina into 10 semi-autonomous provinces. The US wants to eliminate the territorial gains the present plan awards to the Serbs, so that they are not rewarded for their "ethnic cleansing".

President Clinton said last night that the US remained reluctant to support the Vance-Owen plan and hoped Russia would join efforts to work out a more acceptable plan. "I applaud the effort ... (but) the United States at the present is reluctant to impose an agreement on the parties to which they do not agree," he said.

European governments are sceptical that the Vance-Owen plan could be reworked without it all unravelling, but one US official said that "by putting our clout and prestige behind that effort it may make it possible to bring the parties to the table ... through fairly aggressive diplomacy".

The administration is also considering ways of coercing the Serbians into acceptance. One leading option is to tighten existing sanctions against the Serbs, or to seek to persuade the UN Security Council to impose extra ones.

Its abandonment of military options represents a significant retreat by Mr Clinton, who had rebuked President Bush during the election campaign for not making bolder efforts to end the fighting.

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King grounds himself after 'crowning achievement'



BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Airways yesterday appointed Sir Colin Marshall as its new chairman as Lord King stepped down "to remove uncertainty and speculation about the future leadership" of the world's most succesful airline.

There was no mention of Richard Branson or his airline, Virgin Atlantic, nor of the £610,000 libel damages which BA had agreed to pay after allegations of "dirty tricks". Lord King turned angrily on a questioner who asked if the two were linked. "No — madam, " he snapped. He insisted the board meeting had been "a very happy occasion". Later he said: "To have been chairman of British Airways during these last twelve memorable years I regard as the crowning achievement of my working life."

Sir Colin, 59, retains responsibility for many key departments including finance, a decision which is unlikely to remove concern in the City that he should not have joint powers. But Robert Ayling, the commercial and operations director, becomes group managing director with responsibility for "the greater part of the business day-to-day".

Lord King is to become the first president of BA for an initial three-year term. Sir Michael Angus will become non-executive deputy chairman and act as a "watchdog" to ensure that "the board operates in the best interest of shareholders and in compliance with the Cadbury code of best practice".

David Burnside, the controversial director of public affairs, is leaving. BA said yesterday that, like Lord King, he had intended to step down in July but had decided to bring forward his departure to pursue an independent career.

As Lord King left London in his Bentley with his wife Isabelle after the board meeting, Richard Branson wished him well in his retirement.

John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, attacked the shake-up as "an astounding decision by the BA board, which has promoted the principal officers who have acknowledged the company's responsibility for disreputable and illegal activities against a competitor airline".

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61 will lose jobs in nationwide shake-up of Conservative party offices

Tories launch cash drive to make up soaring £19m deficit

BY PETER RIDDELL AND ANDREW PIERCE

■ The Tories' coffers are empty, loyal party workers are being laid off, and membership is down. Sir Norman Fowler has an uphill task to raise a record amount over the next three to four years, reform the party structure and restore morale

THE Conservative party will have to raise £40-£50 million from business and individual supporters over the next few years to pay off its soaring deficit and to finance the next election campaign.

Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, admitted yesterday that the Tories would have to raise a record amount over the next three to four years to eliminate a cumulative deficit expected to peak at £19 million next month.

This unprecedented fund-raising is in addition to a big cost-cutting exercise, part of the largest shake-up in the party organisation for decades. Central and area staff are being cut by more than a fifth, including 42 compulsory redundancies by the year's end.

Sir Norman dampened speculation that he might return to the cabinet in the expected summer reshuffle by saying that he wanted to "see through these important and fundamental reforms". He would not say whether he would be staying at Central Office until the next election.

Tory fund-raising is to be reorganised completely and new appeals to industry and individual donors will accompany a drive to raise party membership, now estimated at only "half a million-plus".

Altogether, sixty-one Conservative party workers will lose their jobs only 10 months after helping John Major secure an historic fourth general election victory. They include Patrick O'Sullivan, 58, a messenger who started work at Central Office under Harold Macmillan, and a school-leaver who had joined in the golden era of Mrs Thatcher.

The shake-up, the biggest for 60 years, is designed to keep spending under control as the party tries to live with a £19 million deficit. The redundancies, 42 of them compulsory, will be divided between the party's headquarters in London, and the 10 regional offices, first established in the 1930s under Stanley Baldwin, which are being slimmed down to six.

Mr Fowler, the party chairman, told them in January that the party's debts were much higher than first feared, and that 60 jobs would have to disappear. Those on the hit list were called in individually on Thursday to be told their fate. The official announcement was yesterday.

Many of the workers clearing their desks were in tears. Others had already gone; they could not face the staff meeting yesterday morning with Sir Norman and Mr Paul Judge, the new director general. Both men were heard in silence and only a handful of questions were asked at the end of the hour-long meeting.

The most senior casualty was Martin Graham, deputy director of the party's research department, who was responsible for briefing MPs and ministers on economic policy throughout the general election campaign.

Colleagues of Mr Graham were upset that, despite his seniority, neither Sir Norman nor Mr Judge broke the news to him. He said: "I was told by the research director and the personnel officer. It's all a bit of a surprise. I don't think it will do my career prospects any good to talk about it." Mr Graham has no job to go to.

At the meeting, which was held behind closed doors, Sir Norman talked about the great loyalty of the staff. "I very much regret that we have to make these redundancies. But this team will take us forward," he said.

The team he was talking about was already at Southend for the Young Conservatives conference, which opens today.

Or at least part of the team was. Only hours before the Central Office bus set off for Southend Philip Trotter, 23, part of the presentation team, who had been told he was being made redundant. Yesterday he was still too upset to talk about it. "He is choked," said one of his colleagues. "But still working hard on making the conference a success."

At a press conference, Sir Norman said: "These reforms, taken together, open a new chapter for the Conservative Party. They will be the foundation for continuing electoral success well into the 21st century."

However, for Mr Sullivan, it was "the worst day I have known. I started here in the days of Macmillan, which were the golden days of the party. You never think it will happen to you. I thought I would be able to go on until I was 65. I was surprised and very sorry. It's a bitter day. People are clearing their desks. They are crying. There has been a lot of tears."

SIMON WALKER



'Regretful redundancies': Sir Norman Fowler at Central Office yesterday

Shrinking party membership brings threat of more begging letters

BY PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

British politics is increasingly an activity for a small minority of enthusiasts. The most striking announcement by Sir Norman Fowler yesterday was not about the redundancies among party staff or the reorganisation at Conservative Central Office but his admission that the party had only "half a million plus" members.

This is a rough estimate since there are no national records. But until recently party chairmen have talked, or rather guessed, that the total was one million.

The latest Tory figure is still twice that of individual Labour members. However, between them, Britain's three main parties now have well under one million members. The public is much more interested in voluntary work or the National Trust than making a political commitment and the trend poses increasing financial difficulties for the parties.

The core of Sir Norman's announcement was financial. The combination of the spending binge under Kenneth Baker's chairmanship and the long pre-election campaign are primarily responsible for a cumulative deficit expected to peak at £19 million next month.

Yesterday's cuts will merely ensure that the party lives within its income, reducing spending in real terms to its lowest level since 1979. The measures will not deal with the current deficit or the extra money the Tories will need to fight the next election. Sir Norman estimates the party will have to raise £40 million to £50 million over the next three or four years.

That would be a formidable task at any stage, but is doubly so now, when many businessmen are disillusioned with the Tories and the pattern of fund-raising has changed. Payments by local constituencies now account for a tenth of total central income compared with almost a third in the past. The party aims to increase the proportion and will also launch a membership drive.

The Tories face the further, largely under-appreciated problem — contributions from large public companies have been stagnant. As Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, the leading British authority on party finances, has said, this has made the Tories more dependent on large donations from individuals, such as a reported £2 million from John Latsis, the Greek shipping owner. That also partly reflects the party's failure to develop more fully direct mail fundraising techniques used so extensively in America.

Sir Norman yesterday also announced big changes in the party's fund-raising efforts with a new board of party treasurers of leading figures mainly from business and industry, and a new chairman of appeals. He hopes the reorganisation of Central Office on a more businesslike footing and on a sound financial basis — being seen to use resources efficiently — will convince supporters to make donations. The party will, however, have to tap new sources of new revenue to achieve its aims. Tory supporters will have to get used to repeated begging letters.

Sir Norman announced yesterday that he enjoyed his present post more than his various cabinet jobs and said he wanted to stick with it to see through these "important and fundamental reforms." He was predictably coy about how long this might be. The implication is that his term will last beyond the expected summer cabinet reshuffle but not necessarily until the next election. He wants to be one of the few chairmen who makes a lasting impact on the Tory party.

PETER RIDDELL

Tories to rebel over leasehold sales bill

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

AN INTERNAL battle will be waged within the Conservative party next week over government legislation to compel landlords to sell their properties to leasehold tenants.

Tory MPs with large numbers of leaseholders in their constituencies want to extend the right to buy to as many tenants as possible. On the other side, a group of senior backbenchers will challenge the proposals plans as "legalised theft" that will break up historic estates.

With ministers caught in the middle, the fate of amendments to the housing and urban development bill on Tuesday and Wednesday could depend on the votes of Labour and other parties.

The bill has led the Duke of Westminster, who could be forced to sell thousands of flats in central London, to stop his donations to the Conservative party. Whips predict that the toughest fight will be in the Lords. Opponents will argue for landlords to be paid at least the market rate and second homes to be exempted.

The landlords' lobby is considering a legal challenge to try to bar lease-holding MPs from voting on legislation that could bring them a windfall.

Sir Jerry Wiggin (C, Weston-super-Mare) said: "There are leaseholders standing to make hundreds of thousands of pounds out of this. One talks about dukes, companies and charities, but there are many individuals who will be deprived of their property."

He predicted that about 750,000 flats will be affected with the great london estates likely to disappear.

Opposing this group are Tory MPs such as Dudley Fishburn (Kensington), Sir John Wheeler (Westminster North) and Nigel Waterson (Eastbourne) who want to extend the proposals to include flats with high ground rents.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Stuntman killed on BBC film shoot

The world-renowned stuntman Tip Tipping plunged to his death yesterday while filming a reconstruction of the real-life escape of a parachutist who became entangled with a light aircraft. He was taking part in an episode of the BBC1 series *999* in a remote area of Northumberland.

Mr Tipping, from Cobham, Surrey, was due to become a father for the first time soon and would have celebrated his 35th birthday next week. He had appeared in James Bond and Indiana Jones films as well as television shows such as *Bergerac* and *Inspector Morse*. Northumbria police said it appeared that his parachute had failed to open.

A joint investigation by the police and the Parachute Standards Association has been launched. The BBC has also established an enquiry. Ronald Neil, managing director of regional broadcasting, said: "I am deeply shocked by this news. It is a matter of great sadness and the BBC will investigate the cause urgently and in detail."

Police pay saboteurs

Solicitors acting for 28 hunt saboteurs disclosed last night that Sussex police had agreed to pay an out of court settlement of £16,200 for wrongful arrest. A spokesman for Sussex police at Lewes confirmed the payment. The saboteurs were suing Sir Roger Birch, the chief constable of Sussex, for damages after police decided to drop charges of threatening behaviour following arrests at meets of the Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray hunt at various locations in West Sussex since September 1990. Simon Wild, 34, of Chichester, said he was likely to receive £1,200, and that the other men and women would each get about £600.

Heritage plan dropped

English Heritage has effectively withdrawn its plans to hand over control of London's 30,000 historic buildings to borough councils. Instead, it will for the time being give "flexible authorisation" to those councils it considers qualified to make decisions about the buildings. Proposals to abandon the powers that it inherited from the former Greater London Council were strongly opposed after their publication last November. Sir Hugh Cubitt, chairman of English Heritage's London advisory committee, said that it proposed to retain its full powers of direction until each London borough established the competence on the conservation of historic buildings to make it unnecessary.

Attacked woman dies

Police launched a murder hunt last night after an elderly woman found battered in a park lost her fight for life. Josephine Bridges 79, a spinster, had been on a life support machine since being found lying unconscious on Monday after going out for an afternoon stroll. She had been attacked and suffered a severe head injury at the cliff-top Victoria Gardens in Broadstairs, Kent. Police have questioned a 17-year-old youth and held him in custody for 24 hours but he was released yesterday without charge.

Brightman pulls out



Sarah Brightman, right, has pulled out of the production of *Trelawny of the Wells* at the Richmond Theatre, southwest London, because of an eye injury. Miss Brightman has a scratched pupil and has been told by doctors not to expose it to theatre lights. She hopes to rejoin the cast next week when it moves to the Theatre Royal, Bath. Her part as Rose Trelawny will be played by Dorcas Morgan.

Granada founder dies

Lord Bernstein of Leigh, the founder of Granada Television, died early yesterday at the age of 94. David Bernstein, one of Lord Bernstein's three children, said his father had died peacefully at his home in central London. A lifelong socialist and member of the Labour party who was made a life peer in 1969, Lord Bernstein established the Granada cinema chain before moving into independent television at its outset.

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Leyland workers march

Leyland DAF workers and their supporters yesterday marched in a show of strength to try to save the company's threatened UK plants. About 4,000 people joined the march from the assembly plant in Leyland, Lancashire, to a rally, bringing the town to a standstill. Unions are seeking government intervention.

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BRITAIN'S FAVOURITE CARIBBEAN CRUISE SHIP

Coastal ban on tankers is welcomed

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ENVIRONMENTALISTS yesterday welcomed the voluntary agreement by oil tanker companies to avoid routes close to ecologically sensitive parts of the British coastline, but said the use of such sea lanes should be banned.

Greenpeace said it expected the government to press for an enforceable ban at the annual meeting of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in the autumn.

The Earl of Caithness, the shipping minister, told the House of Lords on Thursday night that the main national and international oil companies had undertaken to avoid a number of sensitive routes, including the Fair Isle Strait, the 22-mile channel between Fair Isle and the Shetland Islands, where the *Braer* came to grief in rough seas last month.

The voluntary code was agreed between transport department officials and representatives of oil companies, tanker operators and other shipping interests under the chairmanship of Robin Bradley, the surveyor general.

Major's lawyers seek cash compensation

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manding "payment of a substantial sum as compensation and to vindicate his reputation". The letters also said that he required an apology in a position of equal prominence; a joint statement in terms to be agreed; an undertaking not to repeat the libel; and payment of his costs.

The announcement that the letter did not go far enough caused surprise at Westminster, where many MPs thought Mr Major would accept the magazine's regret. It leaves open the possibility that he could become the first prime minister to appear as a witness in a libel case.

Mr Major has told colleagues he is determined to nail the rumours about his private life once and for all. It is clear he is looking for a complete retraction. The letter expressed regret at any distress caused by an article linking Mr Major and Clare Latimer, aged 41, but did not contain the word apology.

The *New Statesman* said it was surprised that its view had been seen as unrealistic. "We have communicated, to an audience wider by millions than the readership of the *NSS*, our sincere regret at any distress caused and our unconditional offer to join in any further public statements vindicating the Prime Minister's reputation that he may require," it said. "That offer ... remains open."

The published letter said the magazine "very much regret that the prime minister and his family and Ms Latimer and her family have been caused any personal distress. They further very much regret that the article is perceived by the prime minister and Ms Latimer to be defamatory."

The Prime Minister and Ms Latimer both issued writs for libel against the *New Statesman* after the article was published last week. Writs were also issued against another magazine, *Scallywag*, and printers and distributors.

Simon Regan, editor of *Scallywag*, said they had talked to the *New Statesman* yesterday and would meet next week "to compare notes".

Yesterday the *Daily Mirror* published a statement after Ms Latimer's solicitor demanded an apology for a "very serious libel". The newspaper said it was sorry its articles gave any impression that there was any substance to "rumours of an affair between Ms Clare Latimer and the prime minister".

Downing Street yesterday declined to comment.

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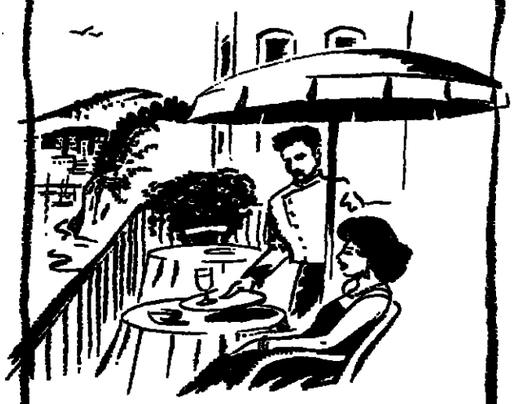
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Doctors jailed after prisoner dies from drug cocktail

BY IAN MURRAY

TWO police surgeons were jailed yesterday for killing a remand prisoner by heavily over prescribing drugs.

The doctors prescribed the drugs to the former heroin addict even though they must have known they would damage his heart and lungs, Birmingham Crown Court was told.

Dr Dhirenda Saha, 55, of Waltham, near Grimsby, and Dr Chulum Salim, 55, of Grimsby, had both denied manslaughter but were convicted of reckless or grossly negligent unlawful killing.

Judge Richard Curtis gave Dr Saha the longer sentence of 21 months because he had prescribed the heroin substitute methadone to Graham Rawlinson, 23, in addition to the cocktail of drugs he was already being given shortly before his death. Dr Salim was jailed for 12 months and both were ordered to pay £10,000 towards the £50,000 costs of the six-week trial.

The judge told them: "I do not believe either of you could have properly examined the prisoner. You each behaved with criminal recklessness totally unbefitting of the medical profession."

Peter Birt QC, for the prosecution, said that the prisoner had been transferred from Strangeways prison in Manchester to Grimsby police station in May 1990 after the riots and like many of the prisoners from there had been given tranquillisers to calm him. He was prescribed a cocktail of drugs by the two doctors in Grimsby. That had changed him from a "fit, alert and cheerful young man" into a "zombie-like figure" who was seen staggering around the police station with glazed eyes. When his girl friend telephoned him, his speech had been slurred and within ten days of his arrival at Grimsby he had slipped into a coma and had to be taken to hospital.

Mr Birt said that he was sent back to the police cells after leaving hospital. The methadone was prescribed in September and he again slipped into a coma and died soon afterwards.

Defending Dr Saha, Kiernan Coonan QC said his client had received no guidance from anyone. "He was overwhelmed by the demands of manipulative addicts," he said. Robert Smith QC said his client, Dr Salim, faced disciplinary proceedings by the General Medical Council and had been forced to seek retirement.

The Home Office said that "the holding of prisoners in police cells since the Strangeways riots had has been a most unwelcome task". It hopes the 119 Strangeways prisoners still in police cells will be back in prison in the next few weeks.



Saha: "Had received no guidance on drugs"



Salim: was forced to seek retirement

MARC ASPLAND



Grounded: Lord King, accompanied by Sir Tim Bell, the PR man who also advised Margaret Thatcher, arrives for yesterday's press conference

Wings burnt by Branson's rising sun, Thatcher's Icarus finally falls to earth

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

LORD King of Wartnaby was last night heading back to the Leicestershire village whose name he took when he was ennobled in 1983. The 74-year-old must be hoping for a quieter life than the one he has lived since he took over the reins of British Airways at the age of 63.

An inspired maverick who could be ruthless and yet capable of acts of personal kindness, John King was the epitome of Mrs Thatcher's ideal businessman. He was born in west London, the son of a soldier. His mother took in washing and John King learnt very young how to make his own way.

While working in a garage near Guildford, Surrey, during the war he fell for, and eventually married, the boss's daughter. He was soon running his own engineering works, making military components. As the war ended, he realised that the humble ball-bearing would be in great demand. He acquired a small company that he built up before it was merged, earning him about £10 million.

Directorships poured in and he moved up the social ladder before being knighted in 1979. Two years later, he was offered what seemed the ultimate challenge, the chairmanship of state-owned, inefficient, loss-making British Airways. Mrs Thatcher, with whom he struck up a close working relationship and whom he openly admired, wanted him to prepare it for privatisation, which he did with astonishing speed.

His methods were draconian. He axed 23,000 staff from the payroll, dropped several routes, got rid of the "wrong" sort of aircraft, swallowed rivals and bludgeoned ministers into giving his new airline a clear run. BA emerged as the world's most efficient and profitable airline.

With Colin, now Sir Colin Marshall, the Cardinal Wolsey to his Henry VIII, Lord King appeared to be able to do no wrong. But his aggressive determination encouraged some within the company to transgress the rules of fair business practice. The Virgin affair at first annoyed, then worried, and finally destroyed him. Now, apart from his involvement in countless companies, he will be going back to the life of a rural grandee, shooting, hunting and watching the cricket club he formed play on his private ground near his imposing Leicestershire house. "He will be available to carry out any duties we may request of him," Sir Colin Marshall, the new chairman, said. "It is fair to say, however, that we won't expect to see him working on anything like a full-time basis."

The airline which had become known as "King's Own" will never be the same.

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Media man who drew praise and vitriol

BY TOM RHODES

DAVID Burnside, until yesterday public affairs director for BA, has always attracted praise and vitriol in equal measure. He was not merely senior courtier to Lord King of Wartnaby but an integral part of the corporation and arguably the most powerful in-house public relations executive in the country.

He rose from the cockpit of Northern Irish nationalism to lead one of the slickest publicity machines in Britain with a staff of 38, 50 consultancies in 80 countries and a £4 million budget. He is on the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, the CBI council and was a former non-executive director of *The European*.

The quagmire of Irish politics could not contain his ambitions. He worked in a small PR company in London and was then seconded to the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. He was headhunted into the Institute of Directors, where his ruthless drive and lobbying brought him to the attention of John Gummer, then Conservative party chairman.

In 1984, Mr Gummer invited him to join Central Office as deputy director of communications. Instead, he was recommended to Lord King to head his public affairs division in the run up to privatisation.

It seemed Mr Burnside's career could only blossom further. There are those who still believe he will return.

Attacks on horses

Inside the mind of an animal sadist

BY LIN JENKINS

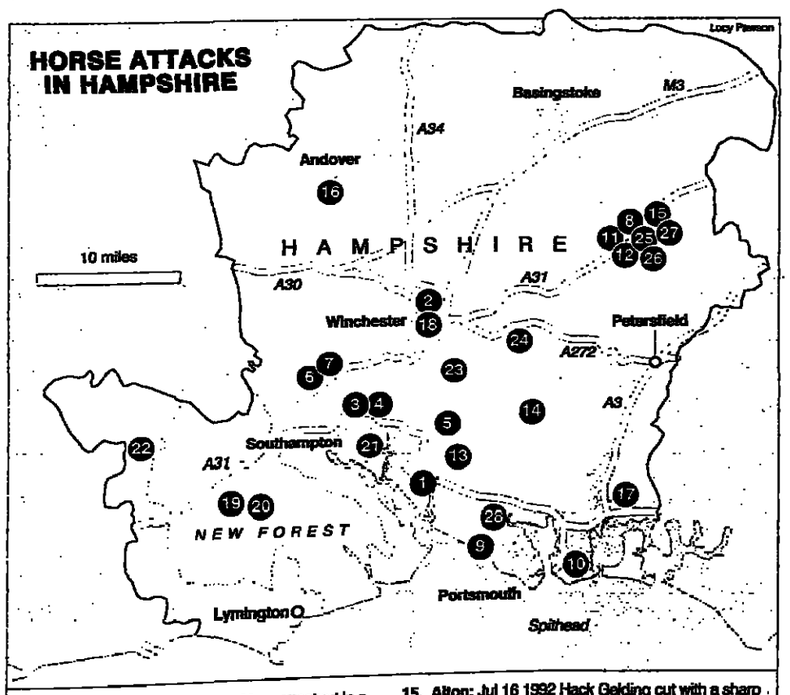
VIOLENCE against horses is perpetrated by sadists acting in groups or individuals who may see the animals as evil, according to a former chief psychologist at Broadmoor secure hospital.

Tony Black said people who got a "kick" out of harming horses, "in the same way as those who delight in child pornography or get involved in covens and do bizarre sexual things in the night", were more likely to operate in groups.

As police believe the latest attacks are the work of one person, he thinks that the culprit is suffering from a psychiatric disorder and associates horses with evil. Such a person normally focuses on something they are familiar with, which could explain how the attacker is able to get close to horses he does not know and his knowledge of horse anatomy.

The attacks have sickened the public but animal abuse has a historical background, according to Rev Professor Andrew Linzey, who holds the first fellowship in animals' rights at Oxford University. "People forget that diabolical things were done to animals in the name of exorcising devils. We need to look at this in an historical perspective."

Since Aristotle, the prevailing philosphy was that animals were made for people and belonged to them. He saw a paradox in society whereby cruelty was again on the increase as was revulsion to it.



1. **Bursledon:** Feb 28 1991Pony Mare attacked in a field - internal bruising and swelling external cuts
2. **Winchester:** Jun 13 1991 Pony Mare tied up with rope - receives rope burns
3. **Chilworth:** Aug 14 1991 Palamino Pony Mare assaulted - internal bruising
4. **Chilworth:** Aug 28 1991 Welsh Cob mare in a stable - cuts to the legs and flanks and internal bruising
5. **Durley:** Sep 2 1991 Part bred Palamino Mare attacked in field and beaten around the head with a blunt instrument
6. **Romsey:** Mar 17 1992 Arab Gelding receives deep cut to the head
7. **Romsey:** Mar 19 1992 Pony brood mare attacked in a field - attacked with a sharp instrument - internal cuts
8. **Alton:** May 4 1992 Pony mare assaulted in stable - receives internal injuries from blunt instrument
9. **Meon:** Jun 13 1992 Shetland Mare attacked with a sharp instrument - internal and external lacerations
10. **Portsmouth:** Jun 14 1992 Welsh Cob Mare in field - found with wounds to hind leg and internal bruising
11. **Alton:** Jun 22 1992 thoroughbred Cross Gelding stabbed while in a stable - cuts to shoulder from a blunt tapered instrument
12. **Alton:** Jun 31 1992 Hack Gelding cut cleanly on the shoulder while standing in a field
13. **Botley:** Jul 13 1992 Shetland Gelding slashed in a field
14. **Droxford:** Jul 13 1992 thoroughbred Mare attacked in a field - internal bruising
15. **Alton:** Jul 16 1992 Hack Gelding cut with a sharp instrument
16. **Andover:** Jul 16 1992 New Forest Mare - internal bruises and lashed with barbed wire
17. **Havant:** Jul 26 1992 Riding Pony Mare slashed under the tail four times
18. **Winchester:** Aug 13 1992 Hack Gelding in a stable has rope burns to legs
19. **New Forest:** Sep 17 1992 New Forest Gelding cut deeply on the nose
20. **New Forest:** Sep 14 1992 New Forest Mare - burnt with caustic substance
21. **Southampton:** Oct 15 1992 four riding horses slashed in a field - one had spike stuck in its chest
22. **Fordingbridge:** Nov 29 1992 pregnant thoroughbred Brood Mare 18 year old - internal injuries, lost foal as a result
23. **Owlesbury:** Jan 4 1993 Pony Mare, 20 year old, - internal bruising and bruises as she tried to break out of stable
24. **Kilmeston:** Jan 6 1993 Mare attacked - internal injuries
25. **Alton:** Jan 7 1993 Pony Mare found bleeding from the rear
26. **Alton:** Jan 7 1993 Gelding taken from his stable and covered in mud
27. **Alton:** Jan 22 1993 Mare Mountbatten in stable cuts to genitals - found dead
28. **Upham:** Feb 3 1993 In foal Mare Georgia Girl assaulted internally

Children told to stay home

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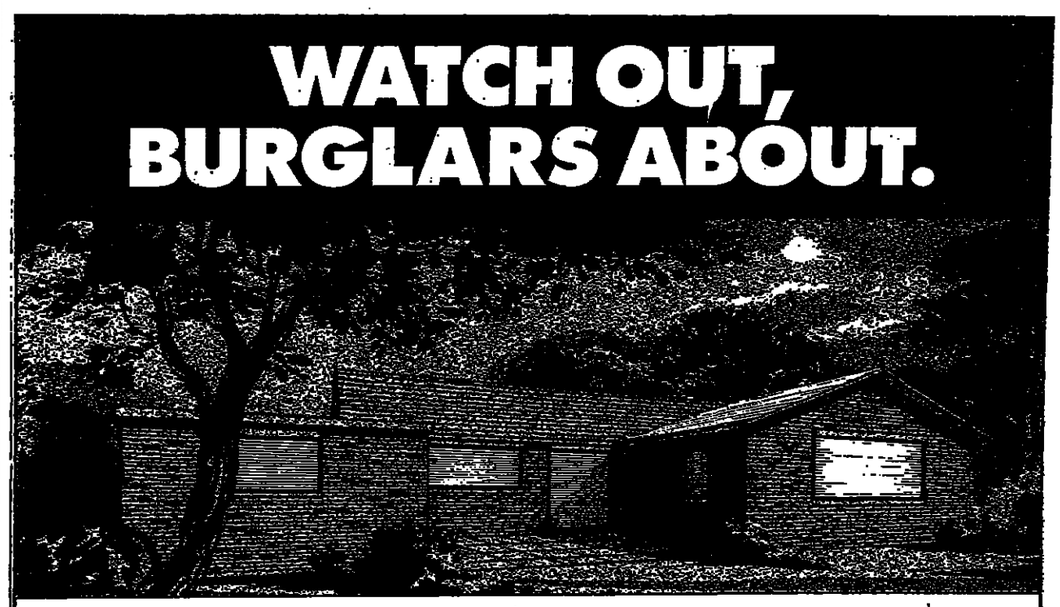
the New Forest and at Burford, Oxfordshire, are not being linked with the work of those who appear to derive a twisted pleasure from mutilating horses' genitals, sometimes with broom handles, and slicing their hindquarters.

Hunt saboteurs are thought to have been responsible for the attack in Burford, where one horse was sprayed with paint and "H SCUM" spelt out on the wall.

A spokesman for Operation Mountbatten, which is named after the mare that died during an attack last month, said: "While the prospect of copycat attacks has to be addressed, we do not believe hunt saboteurs are involved."

The police are restricting their enquiry to attacks over the past three years, though they are known to have gone on for much longer. Some culprits have been apprehended in the past, the last in the county in 1987.

Anita Jones, wife of the former Monkees singer Davy Jones, who had two horses assaulted last year, has moved her dogs nearer the stable yard, removed a two-year-old filly to another county, and increased security. She no longer allows her daughters out alone. "Everybody has to be vigilant. This person or persons need help, and could be a danger to children," she said.



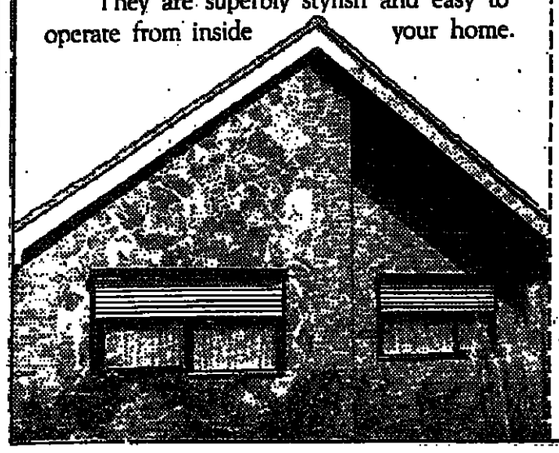
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Tony Bland case prompts review

Lords to hold enquiry into right-to-die laws

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A FULL-SCALE parliamentary enquiry into the ethical and legal issues surrounding right-to-die cases will be announced by Lord Wakeham, leader of the Lords, later this month in the wake of the decision on the Tony Bland case.

A committee of peers will take evidence from medical workers, lawyers, academics and interested groups. Although the terms of reference have not yet been agreed, the enquiry's working title is *Aspects of medical ethics and the criminal law*.

The peers are likely to invite evidence from Allan and Barbara Bland, parents of the victim of the Hillsborough football stadium disaster, and relatives and medical staff who have cared for similar patients.

In an historic ruling on Thursday, the law lords decided that Mr Bland should be allowed to die. The decision to stop his tube-feeding is expected to be taken early next week. Dr Jim Howe, the consultant caring for him at Airedale General Hospital near Keighley, West Yorkshire, will decide the time in consultation with the parents and other medical staff.

Mr Bland suffered brain damage at Sheffield Wednesday's ground in April 1989. Since then, he has been in a persistent vegetative state from which there is no hope of recovery, according to his doctors. He is expected to die ten to 14 days after the feeding tube is disconnected.

In delivering their ruling, the law lords asked for Parliament to review the law because of the dilemma faced by doctors and relatives when patients are so badly injured that they will never recover but can be kept "alive" by modern medical techniques.

Ministers are likely to rely on the Lords committee's report, expected before the end of the year, as their guide in deciding whether any changes in the law are needed.

The decision to set up a special Lords committee will keep the enquiry out of the main political arena and take advantage of the expertise in the upper House. A legal heavyweight, possibly a law lord, and a bishop are likely to be on the committee, although the Lords' authorities seem anxious to avoid selecting peers who are known to take a strong moral stance on the issue.

Special enquiries by Lords committees have a good record for dealing with social issues. For example, the report on reducing slightly the time limit for abortions was eventually agreed by both Houses and became law. The recent Jellicoe reform of the Lords committee system opened the way for more ad hoc committees on sensitive but topical issues such as euthanasia.

Lord Wakeham will move a motion within the next fortnight to establish the enquiry. The committee of selection will then pick the members and set the terms of reference.

Comics go for the fruity look

THE annual Comic Relief appeal was launched yesterday, with a departure from its usual symbol of a clown's red nose. Celebrities including the actress Joanna Lumley and the comedian Lenny Henry modelled squashed tomato noses instead. Henry, who launched the first Comic Relief appeal in 1987, said: "We decided all the cheapskates who didn't want to buy a new nose would have to be fooled."

March 12 has been designated Red Nose day, when people will be encouraged to organise events in aid of the charity. BBC1 will screen a six-hour programme with eight presenters including Lumley, Jonathan Ross, Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders. Lumley will coordinate reports on the charity's work in Africa, and the actor and television presenter Angus Deayton will explain British projects.

Comic Relief has raised £70 million since its launch. A third of its funds are spent in Britain, with the rest shared between 40 African countries.

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Tomato sauce: Joanna Lumley models Comic Relief's tasty new nose yesterday

Rapist, 15 pays £500 to victim

A RAPIST aged 15 walked free from a court yesterday after a judge ordered him to pay £500 to send his young victim on "a good holiday".

Judge Prosser told the youth: "It will give this girl the chance of a good holiday to help her get over the trauma." He thought a custodial sentence would not help the victim or her attacker, who might then mix with people who would teach him "more bad habits".

The youth from Cwmbran, Gwent, raped his classmate on his fifteenth birthday, Newport Crown Court was told. The girl, also 15, was dragged off the school tennis court in a headlock and attacked in woods after he asked for a birthday kiss. She was too frightened to tell her parents but broke down in front of schoolfriends the next day.

The jury returned a unanimous guilty verdict. The youth had pleaded not guilty to rape.

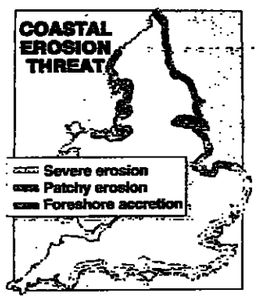
Placing him on probation for three years and ordering him to pay £500 compensation, Judge Prosser told him: "No judge wants to send a boy as young as you into custody, especially as you come from a good and honest family."

Rising sea levels threaten coastal wildlife habitats

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 33,000 acres of the English shoreline are likely to disappear over the next 20 years through natural and man-made causes if no action is taken, according to an environmental report. The habitats most at risk are the wildlife-rich salt marshes and inter-tidal mud flats on south and southeastern coasts.

The report for English Nature, the government's chief conservation agency, estimates that on average the low-water mark could advance by ten yards because of rising sea levels and failed attempts in the past to hold back the sea with walls and other hard defences. Geoffrey Radley, head of the agency's coastal conservation unit, said: "The report confirms the need to find sustainable ways of managing our coastline and the importance of developing soft engineering solutions to coastal defence. The recommendations are broadly in line with our own thinking."



The report's authors, Cambridge Environmental Research Consultants, suggest that some existing defences should be dismantled or abandoned, allowing eroded sand dunes and salt marshes to re-form further inland and that in places soft cliffs should be left to crumble away, particularly where protective works need costly repair.

In this way, they suggest, new habitats could be created to offset predicted losses over the next 20 years which would include 24,710 acres of inter-tidal flats (4 per cent of the total), 6,795 acres of salt marsh (8 per cent), 590 acres of sand dunes (3 per cent), and six miles of unprotected soft cliff (4 per cent).

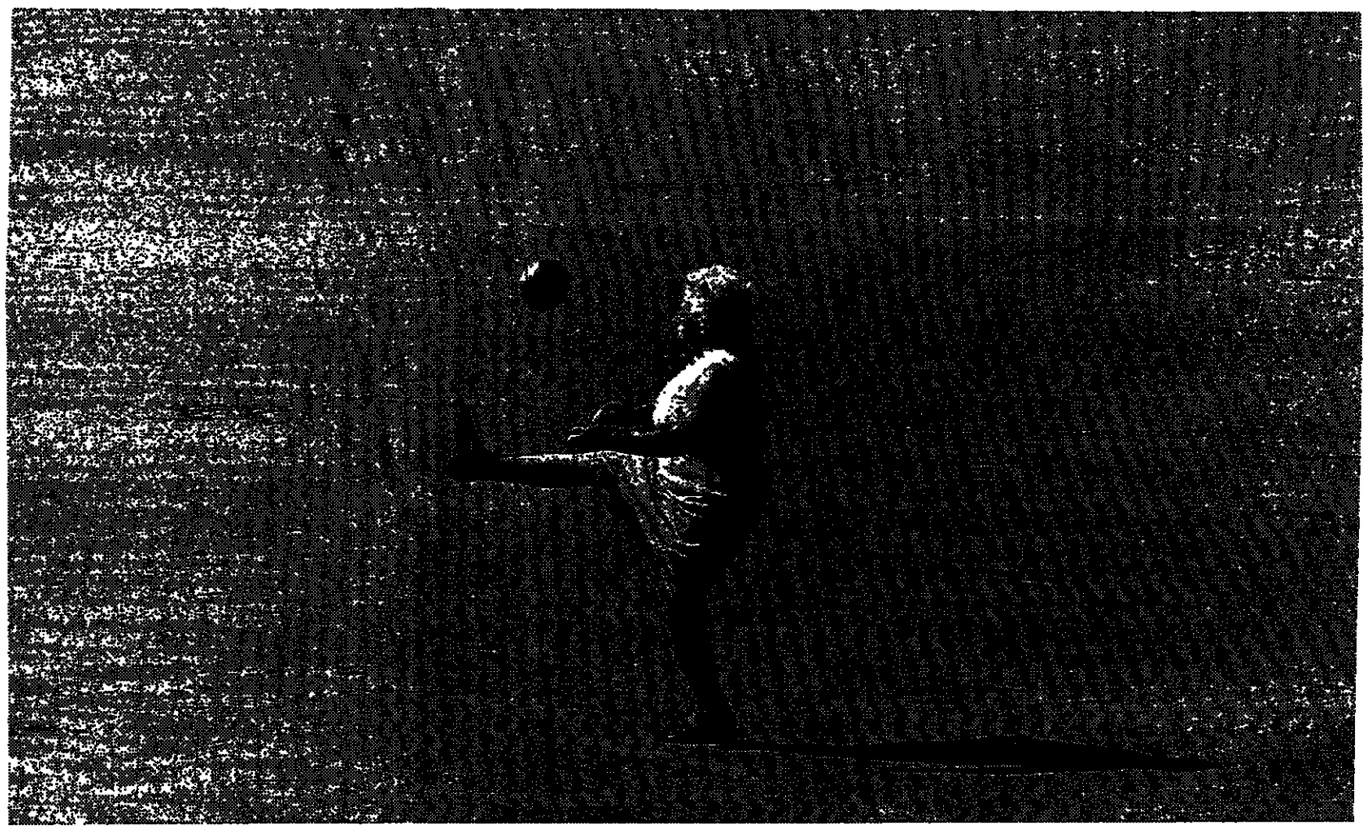
Two main forces are at work. First, the British Isles are tilting, with the south and east of England sinking into the sea as the land mass recovers its equilibrium after the last Ice Age. In the North-West, there is coastal growth in many parts as the land rises.

Second, global warming could raise the mean sea level over the next 20 years by up to 1.5in on the southwest, northwest and east coasts and by as much as 4in on parts of the south coast, the report says.

Many of the fixed defences in the South-East, built after the great floods of 40 years ago when 300 people drowned, are reaching the end of their lives. The environmental case against such defences is that salt marshes and other habitats rich in marine plants and wading birds are being scoured away as they are "squeezed" between rising sea levels and rigid sea walls.

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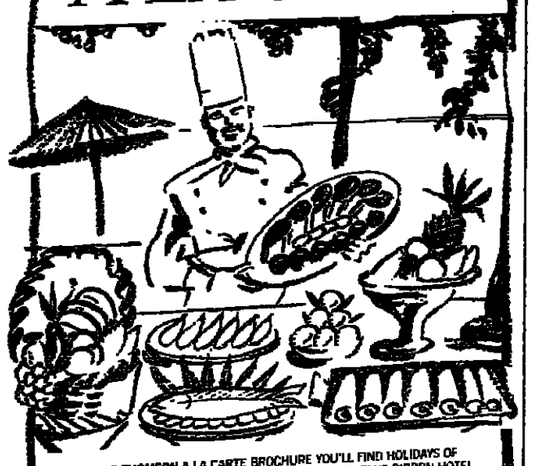
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Battle of the sexes delays new Catholic catechism

■ Roman Catholics hoping soon to read the English version of the new catechism of their church are facing disappointment

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE question of whether the word "men" can refer to women as well could delay by months the publication of the new catechism of the Roman Catholic church in English.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, which brings church thinking up to date on morality, has been translated using non-sexist language for sale in England and the United States.

However, authorities at the Vatican are unhappy with variations from the original French text, according to the Catholic weekly *The Universe*. The issue is dividing bishops and cardinals in Rome, most of whom are determined to stand by the original.

The new catechism, which prohibits tax evasion and drug dealing as well as the more traditional sins, was to be on sale in England by Easter, but publication by then looks increasingly unlikely.

The work, the first time in more than 400 years that the church's teaching has been brought together in one volume, contains a more liberal interpretation of the Ten Commandments. Among modern sins it includes drink-driving, manipulating public opinion, incitement to pornography and producing or peddling drugs. Grave sins include consulting mediums and horoscopes, and superstition.

The translation into English has caused more problems than that into Italian, Spanish and German, because English grammar is not naturally inclusive, according to one source. Nearly every paragraph is said to be affected. In an attempt to be politically correct, English and American translators have resisted using the the words "men", "mankind" and male pronouns where the catechism is referring to both sexes and used "people" and "persons" instead.

English and American bishops, many of whom believe the use of inclusive language is essential to achieve a wide circulation in English-speaking countries, met Catholic leaders in Rome earlier this week in an attempt to resolve the dispute.

The Right Rev David Konstant, bishop of Leeds, one of the seven authors of the catechism, was in Rome with Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston. They have both argued for the retention of the inclusive language. The Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Rev Maurice Couve de Murville, who is on the conservative wing of the church, was also in Rome this week. According to one source, the bishops were involved in talks with Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The 700-page catechism is to be published by Geoffrey Chapman of London, which plans a print-run of 12,000 for England and 10,000 for Ireland.

Sr Lavinia Byrne, at the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland, said it was possible now to buy accounts of the earliest church councils, from Nicaea in 325, in inclusive language. She said: "It is possible to translate all documents into inclusive language. This is essential if the church is not to seem antiquated in a world where everyone else is struggling to use inclusive language."

Sr Myra Poole, a campaigner for women's ordination in the Catholic church, said: "They do not understand the importance of language and symbolism. If the inclusive language is taken out, it really will be a regrettable step."



Under arrest: Anne Scargill being led off yesterday after protesting against pit closures outside the trade and industry department in London. Police arrested the wife of the miners' leader and four other women for holding a demonstration within a mile of Parliament. They were all later released without charge

Polar trek four days from glory

BY IAN MURRAY

THE British explorers Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Dr Michael Stroud were last night on the brink of breaking the record for the longest unsupported polar trek and within four days of becoming the first to walk across Antarctica.

They have been averaging more than 15 miles a day in temperatures below 40C on the steep and dangerous Beardmore Glacier, despite injuries and damaged equipment. "Their goal is in sight now and they are very keen to finish," said David Harrison, a spokesman for the expedition.

The record for the longest unsupported polar trek was set in 1907.

Tennis club's ban on women members appals minister

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A DECISION by one of Ireland's most prestigious sports clubs to maintain a ban on women members was described as chilling and unacceptable by a government minister yesterday.

Mary O'Rourke, minister for labour, said Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club had become "symbolic of the entrenched attitudes of men towards women in Ireland". Her brother, the former deputy prime minister Brian Lenihan, is a member of the club in south Dublin.

There have been several attempts to reform the Fitzwilliam, which was established in 1870 and has many top male lawyers and doctors among its members.

Women are admitted only as guests. Wives have free access to most facilities, including the tennis and squash courts, but are not allowed to buy a drink at the bar or use the gymnasium or billiards room. They have no say in the way the club is run.

The latest proposal to allow women members, which was backed by the club president and committee, required a two-thirds majority in a secret ballot. There were 345 votes in favour of admitting women and 277 against, although only about a third of the members voted.

The main arguments against women are that the club lacks suitable facilities, they would bring their husbands to the club, and that the hallowed portals of the Fitzwilliam would, according to one member, be "swarming with children".

The Fitzwilliam may not be able to resist change for much longer, however. New legislation is being drawn up to outlaw discrimination of any kind in all clubs.

Mervyn Taylor, minister for equality and law reform, has already focused on golf clubs, many of which do not grant full membership to women. He was very disappointed yesterday at what he described as the undemocratic developments at Fitzwilliam, but he could not confirm that the new legislation would definitely force the club to change its rules.

Anne Taylor, president of the Council for the Status of Women, said the government should deprive the club of its drinks licence in an attempt to encourage the minority of members who voted against women to think again.

Credo

Age of conflict must be ended

Dan Cohn-Sherbok



To many observers, the Israeli government's banishment of 396 Palestinians to their encampment in southern Lebanon and the refusal of humanitarian aid appears cruel and immoral. Yet world opinion has failed to acknowledge the political intentions of these deportees.

Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement to which these exiles allegedly belong, was founded in Gaza in 1987 at the beginning of the Intifada and from the outset made clear that its ultimate aim was to create a Muslim Palestine from the Mediterranean to the Jordan. In its manifesto, Hamas uncompromisingly declares: "The Islamic Resistence Movement believes that all the land of Palestine is sacred to Islam, through all the generations and forever, and it is forbidden to abandon it or to yield it."

Faced with such a threat, it is not surprising that Israel has sought to divest itself of this enemy within its own borders. In a post-Holocaust world, Israel must be eternally vigilant against those who seek to eliminate the Jewish people from their ancestral soil. Nonetheless, such concern does not provide a justification for all political actions; rather the Jewish tradition serves as a check against excesses.

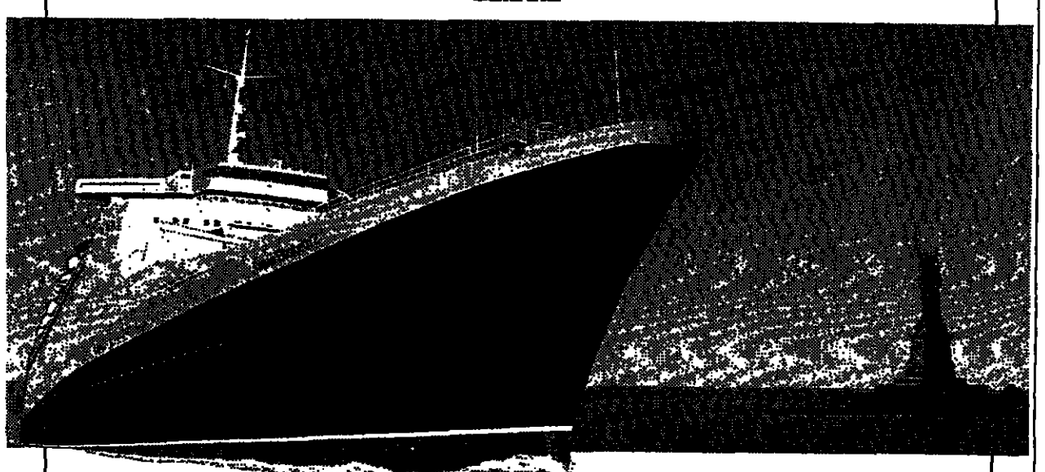
Traditionally, Israel's relationships with neighbouring nations have been conducted according to the rules of covenant. In the Hebrew scriptures, a covenant is a two-sided agreement and the ultimate covenant relationship is that of the Jewish people with God. Provided the people of Israel walk in the ways of the Lord, He will be God and they will be His people. A covenant lays down responsibilities as well as privileges: it demands giving as well as taking, obligations as well as benefits. So it should be in politics. Israel has a duty to ensure justice for the Palestinian people. In return, the Palestinians must acknowledge Israel's right to exist. Together, Jew and Arab must be committed to harmony and reconciliation. Such peace has, unfortunately, not yet been achieved. For five decades, the Jewish nation has struggled against its neighbours. Today, more than ever, understanding and forgiveness are required, but it must be from both sides.

Israel is in an unenviable position. There is no doubt that Hamas is a real threat to state security. Yet there is pressure on all sides. None of the surrounding Arab states is willing to offer a home to these people. The American Jewish community is uneasy at what is perceived to be Israel's intransigence. Still, it is essential that the plight of these 396 alleged terrorists should not get in the way of the peace process.

This terrible history of Arab-Jew conflict in the Middle East must come to an end. Now that the desire of the Jewish people for a homeland has been fulfilled, the nation must turn its attention to the plight of legitimate Palestinian refugees who have been dispossessed of their homes. A covenant must be established: Jews and Arabs must work together towards a mutual peace. When such a covenant is established, we can echo the words of the psalmist: "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethern to dwell together in unity."

Rabbi Dr Dan Cohn-Sherbok has recently been appointed visiting professor at the University of Essex.

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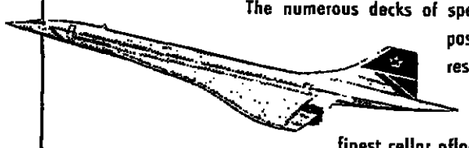
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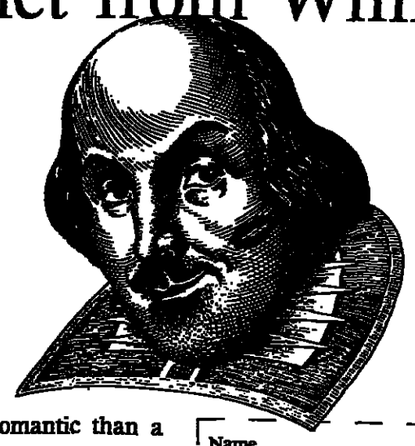
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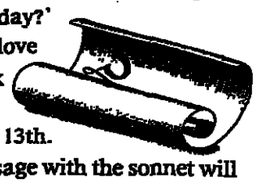
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Lancet accuses breast cancer charities of false claims

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

DOCTORS are losing the battle against breast cancer, which continues to kill thousands of women, *The Lancet* says today.

In spite of hundreds of millions of pounds being spent on prevention, treatment and research, the death rate from breast cancer, which kills 15,000 women a year, is continuing to rise.

The medical journal criticises the "triumphalism" of medical researchers and the "almost weekly medical breakthroughs trumpeted by the cancer charities" for causing false optimism. It says there is no evidence that screening saves lives in women aged under 50 or over 64. A 30 per cent reduction in the death rate between those ages, when screening is effective, translates into only 15,000 lives saved out of 150,000 expected deaths in the next decade. Researchers should be asking "why this approach is so disappointing", the *Lancet* says in an editorial.

New surgical techniques that aim to preserve the breast have neither improved survival rates nor, surprisingly, reduced psychosocial or psychosexual problems, possibly because fear of death overwhelms fear of disfigurement. The *Lancet* says it is time to "pause and ask what we have really achieved for women with breast cancer and where we should be going".

Professor Nick Wright, director of clinical research at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, denied that the organisation had ever claimed a medical breakthrough for any kind of cancer. "No one is more aware than us that new approaches are needed for breast cancer which, is why we spend at least half the £5 million a year we devote to the disease trying to discover and develop them."

A review in the American journal *Science* paints an equally gloomy picture, observing that the risk of breast cancer has doubled in North America since 1940. One in eight American women is expected to have the disease, although some of that rise is the result of improved detection.

One of the best hopes for preventing the cancer — by changes in diet — has also faded. The theory that eating fatty foods increases the risk appears to have been disproved, the journal says. Large studies in America and The Netherlands have found no link between the disease and fat in the adult diet.

These failures have not diminished hope of progress. The US Congress, after intense lobbying, has doubled research funds for breast cancer this year to $210 million.

Heart risk traced to hormones

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

HIGH blood pressure, one of the main risk factors in heart disease, is not the product of an excessive life style but the result of hormones in the womb, new research suggests.

Professor Christopher Edwards and colleagues from the department of medicine at the University of Edinburgh studied levels of steroid hormones called glucocorticoids, which are produced by mothers. If the foetus is exposed to too much glucocorticoid, birth weight is low and blood pressure is high.

The Edinburgh team suggests that the high glucocorticoid levels may impair development of the heart and blood vessels. The result is high blood pressure, and all the risks it carries with it.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Birthday bow: the jazz violinist Stephane Grappelli rehearsing for tonight's concert with the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican Centre, London, to celebrate his eighty-fifth birthday. He will be joined by his jazz trio for a second concert on Monday night

£5m profit boosts InterCity managers' fight for network

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR InterCity managers believe their campaign against the government's decision to break up their rail network will be boosted by an annual profit of about £5 million.

The expected profit, to be announced in June, has been achieved despite the loss of £70 million in passenger receipts because of the recession.

The InterCity managers have made no secret of their disappointment with their fate and next week are due to meet Roger Freeman, the public transport minister, to "discuss how brand strengths can be retained and developed".

There is a growing perception that without a strong measure of co-operation between franchise holders, the privatisation exercise could degenerate into unco-ordinated confusion. With 14,000 legal agreements covering the BR network, pessimists have painted a picture of angry passengers being stranded while lawyers dig into a goldmine. Potential conflicts could range from who blows the whistle on a platform to complex disputes over ticketing arrangements.

To quieten the critics, Mr Freeman will examine the possibility of allowing franchise holders to set up a jointly owned company that would, in effect, ensure that 200,000 daily InterCity customers would be largely unaware they were travelling on independently operated services. The company could be established only with the approval of Roger Salmon, the merchant banker who will become director of passenger rail franchising.

Crucially, it would maintain the philosophy of InterCity as an easy-to-use alternative to road and air travel, although the players would be responsible for their own financial fates.

The company would also ensure that an InterCity traveller could buy a through ticket to Glasgow from Penzance and slide seamlessly from one "territory" into another.

Such a centre could continue to market InterCity while ensuring agreement on crucial questions of maintaining the brand name, advertising and special deal fares. Just as importantly, it would enable the company to own and lease the trains and rolling stock, which could in turn be leased out to the various franchise holders to cut costs and allow them to borrow each other's stock.

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Maimed geese left to die by gun clubs

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

SCORES of injured geese turning up on the banks of the river Tay are worrying local people, who blame continental shooting parties for the carnage.

Dundee District Council yesterday contacted the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and called in wildlife rangers to monitor the dead and dying birds. Some are missing feet and dragging broken wings.

Bruce Anderson, Tayside conservation officer for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said: "There is concern about the shooting parties, Italians in particular. People are reporting that they are shooting large numbers at a time, shooting at random into flocks, shooting into flocks on the ground and shooting birds other than geese." He said that it was legal to shoot geese and the society could become involved only if illegal lures or repeating shotguns were used.

Charles Farquhar, a councillor, said that hundreds of the birds were being maimed. "Some are suffering dreadfully before they die. We are writing to the German and Italian ambassadors."

The British Association for Shooting and Conservation sent its local officer to Kingoodie, scene of some of the worst carnage, yesterday. The association has a code of conduct that it gives to all hotels and guides offering shooting facilities.

Robin Peel, head of public affairs for the association, said: "It is a problem. We will be holding a series of meetings with all concerned in an attempt to ensure our code of practice is enforced."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Baby girl drowns in car seat

A baby girl drowned after being trapped in a child seat when her mother's car fell over a bridge into 6ft of water.

The accident happened at South Kyme, Lincolnshire, as Kim Mead, 30, drove home her two children after visiting her father. She fought to free her daughter Harriot, who was 22 months old, but was unable to release the straps on the seat in the back of the car.

She released her six-month-old son Alexander from a child's seat in the front, and scrambled up the bank for help. A lorry driver jumped into the water and freed Harriot, but it was too late.

Animal tests up

Animal experiments rose by 1 per cent in 1991, the Home Office said. Much of the growth was the result of genetic manipulation. Cosmetics testing declined to 3,100 experiments, less than 0.1 per cent of the total.

Bishop's move

Mgr James McLoughlin is to be Roman Catholic bishop of Galway in succession to Dr Eamon Casey, 65, who resigned nine months ago after admitting that he was the father of a teenage boy.

No butts

Hypnotists and counsellors are being brought in by the Asda supermarket chain to help its 1,500 staff at head office in Leeds quit smoking by March 1 when the building will become a smoke-free zone.

Bridge hitch

Engineers working on the second Severn crossing had to abandon an attempt to lower a 2,000-ton concrete box on to the river bed when its giant barge developed engine faults.

Fire death

Police are investigating after the burnt body of a girl aged between 13 and 19 was found in an alleyway on a council estate in Preston, Lancashire.

Litter losers

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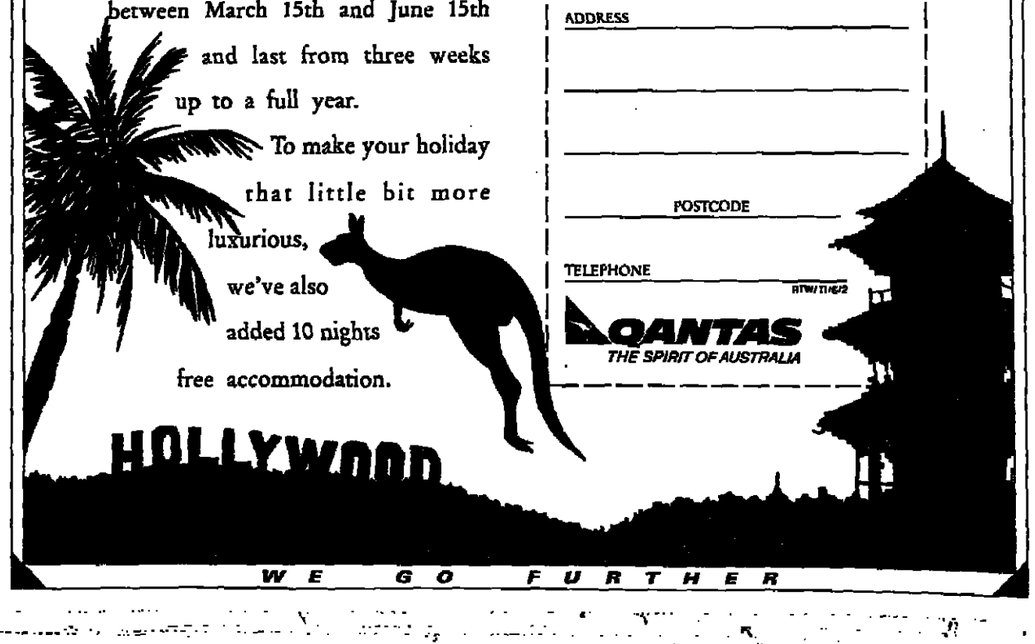
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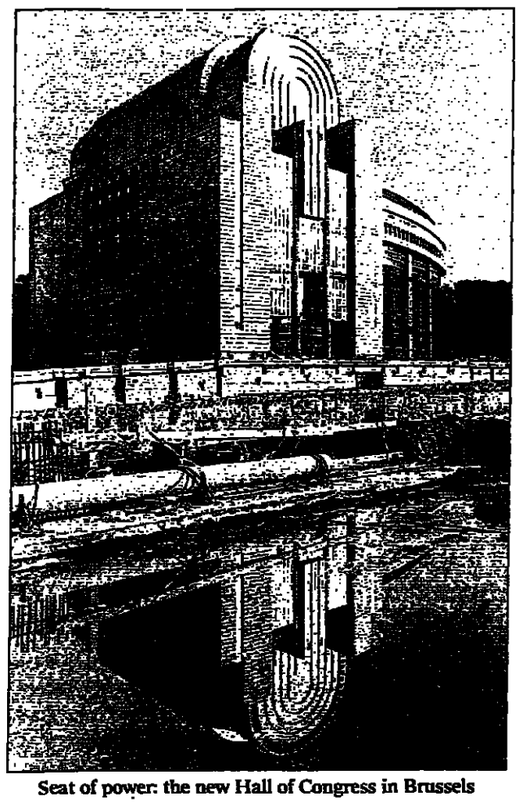
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Redrawing the political map: Tories are likely to be big winners from 1994 boundary changes

Ministers agonise over new Euro-seats



Seat of power: the new Hall of Congress in Brussels

By David Butler and Roger Mortimore

■ Aspiring Euro-MPs' plans have been thrown into confusion by attempts to fit in six more seats for next year's election

THE government is grappling with the unusual, and politically sensitive, predicament of how to allocate six extra seats in the European Parliament. Proposals for a limited redrawing of boundaries are imminent. For sitting MEPs and aspirants, such as Edwina Currie, searching for a safe — or at least winnable — seat, this is causing great concern. Most will not know for several months whether they are fighting a constituency that is secure, marginal or hopeless and the parties cannot calculate their overall prospects.

European Community leaders decreed at Edinburgh last December that the United Kingdom, France and Italy should have 87 seats each, rather than 81, in the next parliament, due to be elected in 1994. This is to provide a counter-balance to Germany's jump from 81 to 97 seats, resulting from the 20 per cent increase in its population after reunification.

This change presents few problems for countries with proportional representation, but causes headaches for the United Kingdom, with its single-member arrangement. How can the 78 constituencies in Britain — the other three are in Northern Ireland — be transformed into 84 without enormous disruption?

The parties are already choosing candidates for existing seats; now they will have to start again. The Liberal Democrats suggested a simple, albeit self-interested, solution: put the extra six seats into a pool and allocate them in proportion to the nationwide vote. Not surprisingly, John Major rejected the idea.

Other options include allocating seats to all parts of the United Kingdom, but the main changes are likely to affect England. Its electoral map has to be rejigged to produce 71 or 72 equal-sized constituencies instead of the existing 66. Scotland and Wales do not have to change since, even under the new quota, they remain entitled to only eight and four seats respectively, though they might gain an extra one for political reasons.

There is a particular absurdity about the English redistricting. Each constituency consists of seven or eight average-sized Westminster seats. To be ready for the 1994 elections, legislation will be needed to short-circuit existing provisions for local enquiries.

The new boundaries will be drawn on the basis of the outdated 1983 parliamentary constituencies, which are being reviewed. The new Westminster seats are at present only hypothetical, so the Euro-boundaries next year will have only a brief life. The 1999 European elections will be based on the new Westminster boundaries. (There may be fewer MEPs from the United Kingdom after the admission of new countries to the EC.)

In the 1989 European elections, the 66 English seats split 34 Labour and 32 Tory. If votes had been divided as in the 1992 general election, they would have split 22 Labour to 44 Tory.

Assuming the extra six seats are all in England, how would the 72 new seats divide? On the basis of the April 1992 electorate, the new population for a Euro-constituency would be 501,000. Starting in Cornwall, we have worked across England, putting Westminster seats into compact groupings with between 460,000 and 540,000 electors. Existing boundaries have been disturbed as little as possible. This is obviously arbitrary, although the Boundary Commission proposals will also be arbitrary and the implications may not be very different.

Constituency names present real difficulties, especially for the heterogeneous, boundary-crossing seats in the Midlands. We have used cumbersome labels, just as the Boundary Commision felt forced to do. We have only once lapsed into a poetic simplification — the Dukeries — and we are aware that it would displease many of the inhabitants of that part of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. Even our long-winded labels often fail to allow for an isolated Westminster seat that the pursuit of numerical equality forced us to attach to a European seat otherwise drawn from one country.

The new map was drawn up without regard to party consequences. If votes were divided in the same proportions as on April 9, the 72 English Euro-seats would divide 49 Tory to 23 Labour instead of the 44-22 division that would have occurred with the former 66. For Britain, the new total of 84 seats would divide 50 to 33 with the last seat, Highlands and Islands, trembling between Liberal Democrat and Scottish nationalist.

Only nine of the old seats survive unchanged but the parties gain fairly evenly from the alterations. The Tories would win four seats (Derby, Humberside North, Lancashire East and Staffordshire East) which previously would have gone to Labour on the 1992 votes, but the changes would also save three seats for Labour that otherwise would have gone to the Tories.

The Tories are the clear gainers, however, when we consider the six proposed seats that have the best claim to be considered "new". Three are in the South, two in the Midlands and one in the North. All would go to the Tories except one, the Dukeries. All estimates are on the basis of votes cast in 1992. Between the 1989 European election and the 1992 general election there was a swing of 6.8 per cent from Labour to Tory. If a similar swing back to Labour is assumed in the new seats, the result in Britain would be changed in 15 seats: Labour would get 46 to the Tories' 36, with two for other parties. This contrasts with the 1989 result of 45 seats for Labour to 32 Tory.

In 1992, 43 per cent of the national vote won the Tories 51 per cent of the Westminster seats, but it would have won them 60 per cent of the European seats on existing boundaries or on the new map. The exaggerative qualities of the first-past-the-post electoral system are more extreme with 84 large seats than when the law of averages works itself out over 651 seats.

☐ *David Butler is a Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford. Roger Mortimore works for Market & Opinion Research International.*

SEATS ON NEW BOUNDARIES ON NEW 6 SEATS

New Seat	1992 % majority	Old Seat	1992 % majority	1989 % majority	Sitting MEP
Humberside North	Con/Lab 1	Humberside	Lab/Con 1	Lab/Con 10	P Crampton
Bristol	Con/Lab 11	Bristol	Con/Lab 11	Lab/Con 5	I White
Coventry & Warwickshire North	Con/Lab 8	Midlands Central	Con/Lab 11	Lab/Con 3	C Oddy
Derby	Con/Lab 8	Derbyshire	Lab/Con 1	Lab/Con 13	G Hoon
Lancashire East	Con/Lab 4	Lancashire E	Lab/Con 7	Lab/Con 21	M Hindley
Leicester	Con/Lab 25	Leicester	Con/Lab 8	Lab/Con 7	M Read
London Central	Lab/Con 2	London Central	Con/Lab 1	Lab/Con 6	S Newens
London North	Con/Lab 15	London North	Con/Lab 12	Lab/Con 3	P Green
London South West	Con/Lab 11	London SW	Con/Lab 20	Lab/Con 1	A Pollack
Nottingham	Con/Lab 4	Nottingham	Con/Lab 7	Lab/Con 7	K Coates
Staffs East	Con/Lab 16	Staffs East	Lab/Con 2	Lab/Con 17	G Stevenson



Currie: must delay search for safe seat

CONSTITUENCIES MOST VULNERABLE

Constituency	Hypothetical majority %
London North (Con/Lab)	1.2
Leicester (Con/Lab)	1.5
Staffordshire East (Con/Lab)	1.8
London West (Lab/Con)	2.7
Norfolk (Con/Lab)	2.8
Cumbria (Lab/Con)	3.0
Somerset (Con/Lib Dem)	3.2
London South West (Lab/Con)	3.5
Cheshire North East (Con/Lab)	3.5
Bristol (Lab/Con)	3.7
Lancashire Coastal (Lab/Con)	4.3
London East (Lab/Con)	4.5
Highlands & Islands (Lib Dem/Scot Nats)	1.4
Scotland North East (Lab/Scot Nats)	3.4

Assuming a 7 per cent swing against the Tories compared with the 1992 general election.

NEW EURO SEATS

Drawn mainly from	% maj on 1992 vote
Home Counties NE (Cambs/Beds S/Essex NE)	Con/Lib Dem 32
Cheshire NE & Stockport (Greater Manchester E)	Con/Lab 18
Dorset & Devon East (Dorset)	Con/Lib Dem 16
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Blair forces law and order to the top of Labour agenda

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY Blair, the shadow home secretary, last night launched Labour's drive to seize the initiative on law and order from the Conservative party. In a speech at the local government conference in Bournemouth, Mr Blair pointed to the relentless increase in crime under 14 years of Conservative rule.

Labour will announce details of the party's plans to combat crime in the next few weeks with Mr Blair convinced that Labour can win on an issue that the Tories have traditionally regarded as their own. The Labour leadership now considers law and order a key policy area.

Mr Blair said: "Crime is now rightly taking its place as a principal item on the political agenda. When elderly people are often afraid to stay in their own house, never mind go out at night, when young people find themselves harassed and abused as they walk on our streets or use public transport . . . this represents not just the manifestation of isolated acts of anti-social behaviour, it is a fundamental and widespread invasion of our democratic rights."

Calling for a new approach in tackling the rise in theft and violence, Mr Blair said it was vital to be tough on crime and its causes. He challenged John Major's suggestion earlier this week that socialism could be blamed for inner city crime. "It is not the Labour party that has been in power for the last 14 years as crime has more than doubled — 50 per cent in the last three years," he said.

He disputed the implication that crime was confined to inner cities by pointing out the huge increases in burglaries elsewhere. Thefts in Leicestershire have increased by 452 per cent since 1979, while Gloucestershire showed a 444 per cent rise in burglaries. "Criminal behaviour may come in its most violent form in the inner city but actually it disfigures most towns and villages every Friday or Saturday night," Mr Blair said.

"We need a new approach to crime; one that breaks through the traditional factions of analysis — those who 'blame' society and those who 'blame' the individual."

While there was no excuse for crime it was equally true that poor education, bad housing, lack of employment and training opportunities and broken families were "more likely to produce criminals than communities where hope and opportunity exist for all".

It was imperative to find a new relationship between the community and the individual, he said. This should be based on community co-operation between local people, police and the government.

He warned Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, against replacing elected members of the police authority with businessmen. "By all means let local businesses and others be involved in policy and policing priorities, but removing a local say through local representatives would be a foolish and regressive step."



Blair: urged rethink on causes of crime

Clarke may lock up more children

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

JUVENILE offenders face being sent to approved school-style accommodation under plans being considered by the government. A new sentence would give courts the power to send persistent offenders aged between 12 and 15 to secure units.

The units would provide punishment, discipline and education, but would be separate from the prison system. At present, there are 270 places in local authority secure units, with plans to provide a further 65 by 1996.

Another option being considered by the Home Office is to attach conditions to the cautions used widely by police in dealing with juveniles. The latest Home Office figures show that, in 1990, 70 per cent of male offenders between 14 and 16, and 86 per cent of females, were cautioned by police. Ministers are concerned that cautions are being used too readily in dealing with persistent offenders.

Any move to attach sanctions to police cautions would be likely to need Parliament's approval. The traditional Home Office view has been that such measures would require some form of protection for youngsters.

Although the prime minster and Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, have signalled their desire for more secure accommodation for persistent offenders, Mr Clarke has been alarmed at the costs. He is looking at ways of involving the private sector to cut the capital cost of £200,000 per place to less than £100,000. Running costs range between £1,500 and £2,700 per child per week.

The difficulty facing ministers is that there are few exact figures on which to base a new policy. Initial findings from a survey of all 43 police forces in England and Wales and social service departments showed that 106 juveniles were known or alleged to have committed ten or more offences in the three months up to the end of June last year. The findings did not include precise figures from the Metropolitan police or West Midlands police. Officials at the Home Office believe that the figure is higher, through probably not more than 1,000.

Figures for 1991 show that there were 149,000 known male offenders and 33,500 females aged between 10 and 17. Those under 18 comprise 17 per cent of all known offenders, compared with 26 per cent in 1981 and 24 per cent in 1983.

Penal affairs groups are strongly opposed to the proposals, saying that imprisonment and detention had failed to stop reoffending and was a costly method of making bad people worse. They argue that the figures do not justify the expenditure involved in providing secure accommodation.

Research in the 1970s showed that 65 per cent of first offenders and 78 per cent of offenders with previous convictions who were given approved school orders were reconvicted within five years.

Illegal campers get early alarm call

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

THE government is to bring forward legislation "as soon as the parliamentary timetable allows" to fulfil John Major's conference speech pledge to tackle illegal camping by new age travellers.

Tony Baldry, a junior environment minister, told the Commons yesterday that a recent consultation paper on the issue had provoked almost 1,200 responses, "some bordering on the hysterical".

He added: "The government seeks to ensure unlawful camping does not take place." A commitment to review the 1968 Caravan Sites Act, which requires the government to provide 100 per cent grants for council gypsy sites, was included in the election manifesto.

At last year's party conference, Mr Major condemned travellers for "destroying the property of others" and sponging off the welfare state. In spite of the provision of sites for 9,000 gypsy caravans since 1968, 4,500 remain illegally camped.

Mr Baldry was speaking in a debate on a private member's bill to force councils to dispose of gypsy caravan sites. The bill, introduced by Sir Cranley Onslow, Tory MP for Woking, has almost no chance of becoming law. Legislation will be brought forward as soon as possible, Mr Baldry said. A bill is not thought imminent.

The government wants gypsies to set up their own sites through planning applications to local authorities rather than relying on state provision. Mr Baldry announced planning guidelines "that will require local authorities to include policies for providing such sites in their development plans". The guidelines are aimed at overcoming ritual objection by local communities to every application by gypsy groups.

Ladies in waiting set sights on Parliament



JOHN MANNING

Female focus: members of Emily's List UK outside parliament at the organisation's launch yesterday

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BETTY Boothroyd, better known as Madam Speaker, yesterday blamed sex discrimination by male-dominated selection committees for the shortage of women MPs.

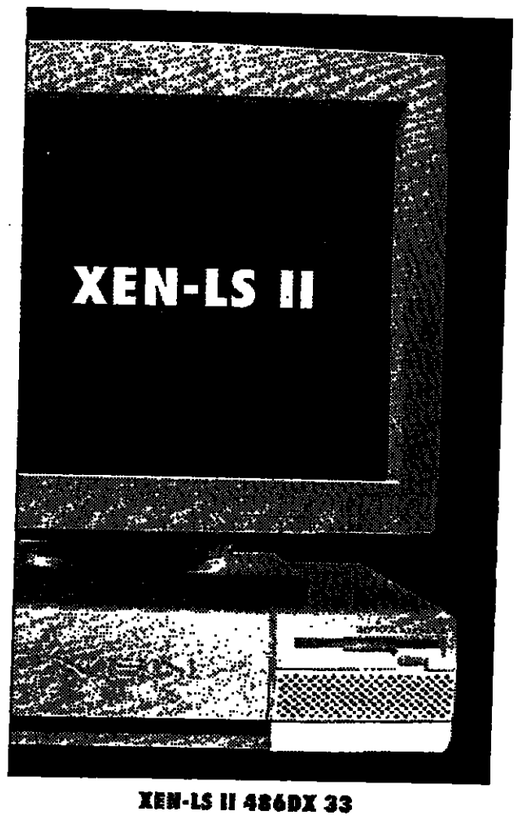
On the eve of the 75th anniversary of the first British women getting the vote, the Speaker talked of the extra barriers that women must overcome to enter Parliament; there are only 60 women among the 651 MPs.

Miss Boothroyd said she very much doubted she would be Speaker of the Commons if she had married and had a family. Women's role as homemakers was one obstacle, and selection committees were another, she said on BBC Radio 4's *The World At One*.

To mark the anniversary, a fundraising organisation, Emily's List UK, was launched yesterday to help Labour women to stand for the British and European parliaments. The equivalent organisation in America raised £4.5 million to help Democrat women stand for the House of Representatives and their representation has since trebled.

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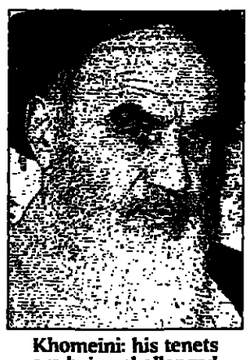
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Khomeini's heirs battle with rising tide of public contempt



Khomeini: his tenets are being challenged

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN TEHRAN

■ A paradox in Iran is likely to inflame tensions: the mullahs deny social freedom while encouraging economic modernisation

AS THE fourteenth anniversary of the Islamic revolution is celebrated this week, Iran's ruling mullahs are facing increasing defiance and disrespect from the public and sections of the conventional security forces.

Police officers have intervened to prevent the more ideologically motivated Revolutionary Guards detaining women infringing the strict Islamic dress code, and regular troops have clashed with the guards in at least one Tehran barracks over attempts to tighten Islamic discipline in their ranks.

Western observers recently witnessed one clash between policemen and bearded guards trying to round up women in north Tehran's Tajesh Square. In one unreported clash between lowly paid soldiers and the guards last September, Western sources said that seven people were killed and 40 injured.

It is not uncommon to see members of the middle and upper classes spit and shout at vigilantes imposing the Islamic code on the streets and in the homes of the capital. Many younger women are persisting in wearing anoraks, make-up and fluorescent socks, defying norms laid down by the "disciplinary forces". The increasing challenge to revolutionary tenets established by Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's late spiritual leader, is being matched, four years after his death, by signs of public disrespect that would have been unimaginable before. As a crude way of indicating opposition to the clerical hierarchy, many Iranians often refer to the lavatory as *daftar-e-imam*, or "the imam's office". A decision by the central bank to overrule the late ayatollah's wishes and put his image on banknotes was accompanied by an order that any found defaced would not be treated as legal tender.

A senior Nato diplomat said: "People are so hard-pressed economically they are becoming fearless. They feel that now they have nothing to lose." Some analysts, even those sympathetic to Islam, believe tension will continue to grow because of what is seen as a doomed attempt to modernise the economy while at the same time forbidding any accompanying social or ideological thaw.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the hardline spiritual leader, acknowledged the problems last month when he appointed nine senior Muslim clerics to find ideologically acceptable answers to the problems posed by the 20th century. "You should now assume the responsibility of responding to the current needs of the Muslim individual and society from the viewpoint of Sharia [Islamic law]," he said. "Your mission is to find rational and scholastic answers for the questions raised by the Islamic community today."

Contempt for the mullahs is voiced openly to Westerners. A bearded hotel worker laughed derisively as he pointed to a large sign in the lobby of the luxury Azadi Grand Hotel, declaring "Down with the USA", while at the reception desk guests were told that room bills could be settled only in US dollars. "The sign should say: 'We love your greenbacks'," the worker said.

Along the teeming alleys of the bazaar, the main joke among merchants this week concerned widespread rumours that Iran's $500 million (£350 million) Kilo Class submarine, bought last year from Russia, had sunk or run aground because of the incompetence of its Iranian crew in underwater navigation.

Diplomats with years of experience in Iran said that public discontent, long a feature of daily life, has risen to a pitch not experienced since the shah was toppled in 1979.

UK backs author's right to speak and travel

Whitehall support for Rushdie angers Iran

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

TEHRAN accused Britain yesterday of fuelling hostility between the two countries over the Salman Rushdie affair, as Whitehall indicated that it supports the author's decision to begin emerging from hiding, four years after Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's late spiritual leader, called on the Islamic world to kill him.

Iran is angry that Mr Rushdie was invited to the Foreign Office on Thursday in a show of government support. The official Iranian news agency, Irna, said: "The refuelling of the [Rushdie] dispute coincides with moves by Britain to extend its arms embargo against Iran to include high technology, following requests from the US.

"The British government is also thought to be under pressure from Israel to take a more hostile line against Iran, given its opposition to the Zionist regime and its scepticism about the so-called Middle East peace process."

Mr Rushdie, who has stayed at more than 200 addresses since the fatwa was declared against him, this week said he had decided to live a more normal life. "I've had it, frankly, with this kind of stuff," he told BBC radio.

The Indian-born author has lived under police protection since his book, *The Satanic Verses*, was ruled blasphemous to Islam. An Iranian foundation at first offered a $1 million (£695,000) bounty for his death, doubled it last year, and in November increased it again to include all expenses involved in his execution.

Britain yesterday denied it was seeking to antagonise Iran by inviting Mr Rushdie to meet Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, for 45 minutes on Thursday. A spokesman said the government had felt it "right to demonstrate our stand" after Iranian religious leaders several times recently confirmed the fatwa and the bounty. He said the government's policy on handling the case had not changed, but a decision had been made to take a higher profile in trying to reach a solution.

"You have a policy and you pursue it until you reach a solution," the spokesman said. "Salman Rushdie is now being more visible and if you ask 'are we angry about that?' the answer is no. He enjoys the same rights to free speech and travel as anyone else."

The spokesman said that Mr Hogg had told Mr Rushdie that Britain was greatly concerned by the continued failure of Iran to repudiate the death order.

Iran says the death sentence is a religious edict which the Tehran government cannot change. Only Ayatollah Khomeini could have withdrawn the fatwa, President Rafsanjani said earlier this week.

Mr Rushdie has also reacted to press criticism that he had not contributed enough financially to the millions of pounds it has so far cost to safeguard him. He said he had paid at least £100,000 a year towards the costs of his protection.

The author has appeared in public in England several times in the past year, giving speeches and attending literary functions. He has also travelled to the United States and Ireland. Mr Rushdie said the government had offered to support his efforts to bring his case before international bodies, including the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

Tehran cut relations with Britain in March 1989 over publication of Mr Rushdie's book. Diplomatic links were restored in September 1990 but Britain has made it clear that resumption of full diplomatic relations depends on Iran lifting the fatwa.

In Tehran, President Rafsanjani yesterday urged Iranians to take to the streets next Thursday on the anniversary of the Islamic revolution which overthrew the late Shah in 1979. "Your presence at the rallies can be as effective as 1,000 atomic bombs against our enemies," he told crowds attending Friday prayers.



Blind man's bluff: a *Jerusalem Post* cartoon criticising Yitzhak Rabin's autocratic style under the guise of collective cabinet responsibility

Expulsions draw party flak for Rabin

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Rabin's military demeanour does not accept easily the concept of retreat. So when the Israeli army yesterday released a list of 101 Palestinian deportees to be repatriated, the first instalment of a package of concessions over the expulsions, it damaged the tough reputation of the prime minister, the country's most celebrated former general.

The compromise could assist Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, to revive the peace process when he visits the Middle East in less than two weeks. But Mr Rabin's handling of the deportations affair has left a question mark over his leadership.

Only seven months ago, when the Labour party leader came to power on a wave of public enthusiasm and expectation, it was widely accepted that Mr Rabin was the only politician who could deliver peace with Israel's Arab neighbours while safeguarding the country's security needs. Even though the veteran leader was better known for his military prowess than his diplomatic skills, the no-nonsense approach to peacemaking made his promise to reach an accord with the Palestinians and the Syrians within a year highly plausible.

Today, however, reflecting on the way he decided to deport 415 Palestinians suspected of membership of banned militant Islamic groups and his handling of the unfolding crisis, members of his party are coming to some depressing conclusions. Not only did Mr Rabin steamroller the deportation order through the cabinet, but he failed to make clear the scale and implications of the order before Israel was embroiled in a fiasco. The Muslim fundamentalist cause been enhanced to the detriment of more moderate Palestinians, and Israel has been led into an unnecessary confrontation with the United Nations Security Council and the Clinton administration.

The strains on Mr Rabin emerged this week during the cabinet meeting when he abruptly silenced David Libai, the justice minister, the only member of his government to voice objections about the deportation decision and to abstain during the initial vote.

The Israeli leader has faced a barrage of complaints from within his party for his autocratic style of leadership and his refusal to accept criticism. "Fear stalks the cabinet," said Haggain Merom, a Labour MP who alleged that policy was being set by aides in the prime minister's office.

A number of members of the Labour party are disaffected with what they see as Mr Rabin's dictatorial manner and impatient that none of his election promises have been fulfilled. It seems likely, for instance, that the bilateral peace talks, the main focus of the left-wing coalition government's policy, will not now reconvene until April. Even then, Israel, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestinians will be no nearer a solution than when they broke off negotiations in December.

To make matters worse, the coalition government is showing new signs of fragmentation, because of strains between the two junior partners, the left-wing Meretz party and the ultra-orthodox Shas party.

Although Mr Rabin enjoys broad public support, that may also begin to slide, particularly if the main opposition Likud party elects the popular Benjamin Netanyahu as its leader to replace Yitzhak Shamir, the former prime minister. "The government was correct when it said it would have a year to prove itself," said one political observer. "The time is nearly up and it has still achieved nothing."

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Tehran in hit squad enquiry

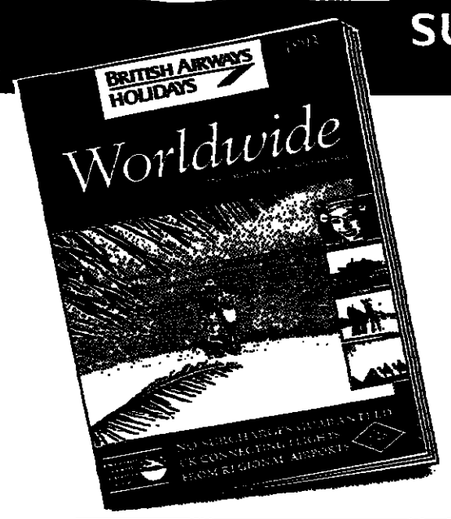
FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

TURKISH and Iranian foreign ministers will confront each other for the first time today after revelations that a Turkish underground Islamic group received training in assassination techniques in Tehran and Qom.

The meeting at Quetta in Pakistan is part of a scheduled summit of the Economic Co-operation Organisation. It provides Turkey with an opportunity to question Tehran over its involvement in the murders of a number of Turkish public figures.

Yesterday, the Istanbul-based *Cumhuriyet* newspaper claimed that the authorities were no nearer solving the murder of Ugur Mumcu, the paper's leading columnist, who was killed by a car bomb on January 24. It said they were trying for diplomatic reasons to deflect blame from the Iranian government.

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EC Cambodia expert says Khmer Rouge war is now inevitable

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

The comprehensive peace plan appears to be dead. The pessimistic forecast is that 15 years of communist insurgency will follow

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, has cancelled a trip to Cambodia which was planned for later this month amid reports that the comprehensive peace plan for the nation is dead and war with the Khmer Rouge inevitable.

Raoul Jennar, a Brussels-based consultant advising the European Community, said in Phnom Penh yesterday after his eleventh fact-finding mission: "One can say now that the agreement is dead. I don't see another way except war."

Throughout the years of negotiations in which the peace accords were hammered out, America, China and their allies persisted in pushing for a "comprehensive" settlement, meaning one that included the Khmer Rouge, despite their fanatical 1975-9 reign that killed up to one million people. "It was the magic word 'comprehensive'," Mr Jennar said. "The comprehensive character of the peace agreement has failed."

The Khmer Rouge has never co-operated with UN forces trying to implement the peace agreement signed by the four warring factions in October 1991. It has refused to disarm, put its soldiers under UN supervision, allow UN personnel free access to its zones or take part in the UN-sponsored election scheduled for May.

The Khmer Rouge has brazenly attacked UN peacekeepers and held them hostage to show its power over the zones it controls. Months of diplomatic manoeuvring and persuasion by Peking, its former backer, and even Prince Norodom Sihanouk, have failed to bring the Khmer Rouge into the process.

"Let's let the Khmer Rouge become outlaws or rebels and enforce the building ... of democracy and the building of rehabilitation of the country," Mr Jennar said. Cambodia — like other Southeast Asian countries, including the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia — would have to resign itself to dealing with insurgency following the elections.

"I think Cambodia will have to deal for the next ten to 15 years with insurgents," he said, estimating the Khmer Rouge troop strength at about 8,000 to 10,000 men with 200,000 to 400,000 people living in zones it controls.

UN observers said yesterday that Cambodian government troops were withdrawing from areas where they had mounted an offensive against the Khmer Rouge. The troops were not being beaten back and appeared to be leaving of their own accord. The UN criticised the offensive, which began early in the week, claiming it went beyond the self-defence permitted under the 1991 peace accords.

In the past month, government troops have pushed to within shelling range of the Khmer Rouge headquarters of Pailin, in Battambang province, not far from the Thai frontier. The government said on Tuesday it had halted its offensive and pledged it would not attack Pailin unless the guerrillas hit targets in Battambang and provided UN peacekeeping forces established a buffer force between the two sides.

Prince Sihanouk, who has repeatedly changed his mind about a presidential election and whether to run in it, has indicated he will invite the Khmer Rouge to join a new government formed after the elections.

The international community would be prepared to accept the Khmer Rouge as part of a new government despite its refusal to participate in any elections as a way of seeking peace, Mr Jennar said. "I am sure Prince Sihanouk will try," he said. "I am not sure he will have success."



In good heart: Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, leaving hospital in the colony yesterday after making a rapid recovery from his operation to treat two narrowing coronary arteries. Mr Patten, 48, thanked staff for getting him through the operation, a percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty, in which the diseased arteries are dilated using balloon catheters. Doctors said he had been discharged two days earlier than expected, was in good condition and would require about a week of rest at home before he could return to work. Mr Patten's ailment is common among people who smoke, have high-cholesterol diets, or suffer from high blood pressure. Doctors say that a third of patients who undergo the operation suffer a relapse within six months. The governor has been advised to take it easy and to change his diet. *(AP)*

West puts trust in Mobutu opponent

BY SAM KILEY
AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

ETIENNE Tshisekedi, the prime minister of Zaire's transitional government, has become the focus of the people's overwhelming desire to be rid of President Mobutu.

Mr Tshisekedi's struggle to bring democracy to Zaire is also popular with the international community. He is receiving backing from France, America and Belgium, which see him as the only person in Zaire capable of being the president's nemesis.

A Western ambassador said in Kinshasa, the capital, yesterday: "It is because of his unswerving commitment to freeing Zaire of Mobutu that the international community is prepared to back him. Without Etienne, Zaire's future would look as grim as Somalia's. Tshisekedi appears genuinely concerned for the future of his country and is the only person that everyone trusts."

Mr Tshisekedi, leader of the main anti-Mobutu party, the Union pour la Démocratie et le Progrès Social, has made no secret of his dislike of the president, who has ruled Zaire since he took power in a military coup in 1965.

While many of the president's opponents fled the country and lobbied against his regime from the safety of Brussels, Mr Tshisekedi, 58, worked tirelessly for change in Kinshasa where political murder and disappearances were daily occurrences.

As opposition leader, he insisted that he would be prime minister on his own terms, and was able to force the president to see that he could not rule without a government, and could not form an administration without Mr Tshisekedi.

Now Zaire has been brought close to anarchy, with troops looting Kinshasa and other cities after being paid in five-million Zaire notes (about £1.40). President Mobutu claimed the notes were legal tender. Mr Tshisekedi, who has been trying to wrest control of the central bank from the president, said they are worthless, although businesses have now begun to accept the disputed banknotes.

ANC arms find blights talks

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's foreign minister, R. F. "Pik" Botha, gave a warning yesterday that constructive relations between the African National Congress and the government had been threatened by the discovery of arms and ammunition being smuggled into the country from Swaziland, allegedly by the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe.

Mr Botha told foreign diplomats in Cape Town on Thursday that the negotiation process had been jeopardised, and a sub-committee of the two negotiating teams on security matters was suddenly upgraded by the presence of Hernus Kriel, the law and order minister, and Roelf Meyer, the constitutional development minister. But Mr Botha softened his apparent anger by noting that the ANC and the government sides now appeared close to agreement.

Later, Mr Kriel and Mr Meyer demanded that the ANC should establish whether its leading members or commanders of the armed wing had been involved in the smuggling. They also asserted that the seizure, on Monday, served to underline the government's view that the armed wing and its munitions should come under proper control.

Yesterday, the ANC denied all knowledge of the smuggling and promised to investigate and report back to the next meeting of the two sides on Wednesday. Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary-general, declined to accept the government information at face value, but regarded an ANC investigation as "necessary". Mr Botha responded by praising the ANC for its "responsible attitude".

Police found the arms hidden in the boot of a vehicle during a routine check at a roadblock near Golela just over the Swazi border. They were assumed to be heading for Natal, the scene of internecine conflict, from Mozambique. They included two RPG7 rocket launchers with six rockets, 34 hand grenades, around 3,000 AK47 rounds of ammunition, and 22 pistols. Two men, said to have been ANC members, were arrested, and according to Mr Botha's diplomatic briefing, were acting under orders from Sipho Sithole, commander of Umkhonto we Sizwe in Natal.

In 1991 it was agreed that the ANC would suspend its armed struggle, and since then the government has been trying to persuade it to disband the armed wing and give up its arms caches, to no avail.



Botha: arms were for ANC's military wing

How Burmese kiss goodbye to freedom

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN RANGOON

RANGOON for years was ramshackle, a little zany but charming. Nowadays, since the bloody army crackdown in 1988 in which thousands died, the city is less rundown, but more fearful.

Much of the charm has dissipated and smiles are fewer, although a certain uncomfortable zaniness remains.

A mild liberalisation set in last April as the regime sought to attract foreign aid and investment, but most diplomats say that changes are still largely cosmetic. For example, rows of barbed wire were removed from in front of the house where Aung San Suu Kyi, the leader of the pro-democracy movement, is under house arrest.

Some Burmese still greet foreign visitors and give them street directions, but are reluctant to linger in public with them for more than moments, given that society is riddled with informers.

Since the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council seized power in 1988 and refused to honour results of elections in 1990, much of the joy has gone out of life.

The maladroitness shown by security personnel would sometimes be amusing if it were not so painful. One well-educated Burmese woman jailed for three years on trumped-up charges was told by military interrogators that not only had she visited foreigners' homes, but foreign men had even been observed kissing her cheek. That was outrageous conduct for a Burmese woman, they said.

However, many homes are being given a lick of paint and there are more cars on the streets since the abandonment of the "Burmese way to socialism" and the introduction of a market economy.

The restoration council seems to believe some material improvement will take people's minds off democracy. Somehow, however, word of the "relaxation" has not percolated down to ordinary Burmese. Many Burmese and foreign envoys remain sceptical, with diplomats describing the council as fascist.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nairobi protests quashed

Nairobi: Tight security quashed protests planned to greet Baroness Chalker of Wallsley, the overseas development minister, when she arrived here yesterday to start what she called a "listening mission" to Kenya and Somalia (Joe Khamisi writes).

The planned demonstrations by two leading Kenyan opposition groups, protesting at Britain's role in last December's general elections, failed to have an effect. Offensive placards were confiscated from cars entering the airport.

Woman held

Srinagar: Police have arrested Asiaya Andrabi, the leader of Dukhtaran-e-Millat (Daughters of Islam) who has been leading a campaign against Indian troop violence towards women in Kashmir. Her husband was also held. *(AFP)*

Rebel pledge

Brussels: Angola's Unita rebels said they will free foreign hostages seized during the capture of the northern oil town of Soyo, including 17 people working for Fina, the Angolan subsidiary of the Belgian firm, tomorrow. *(AFP)*

Nuns freed

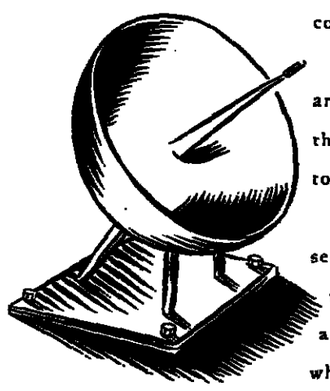
Manila: Muslim guerrillas have freed two Spanish nuns unhurt and without ransom after holding them for 20 days at their mountain stronghold outside Jolo town in the Sulu islands. *(Reuter)*

Mayor picked

Peking: The city council has elected a new mayor, Li Qiyan, replacing Chen Xitong, a hardliner who played a key role in the Tiananmen Square killings. Mr Li, 54, supports market reforms. *(Reuter)*

Flushed out

Bangkok: Police have arrested a juvenile robbery gang that crawled through squat toilet bowls into about 40 houses in Ayudhya, north of Bangkok. They usually took showers before making off. *(Reuter)*



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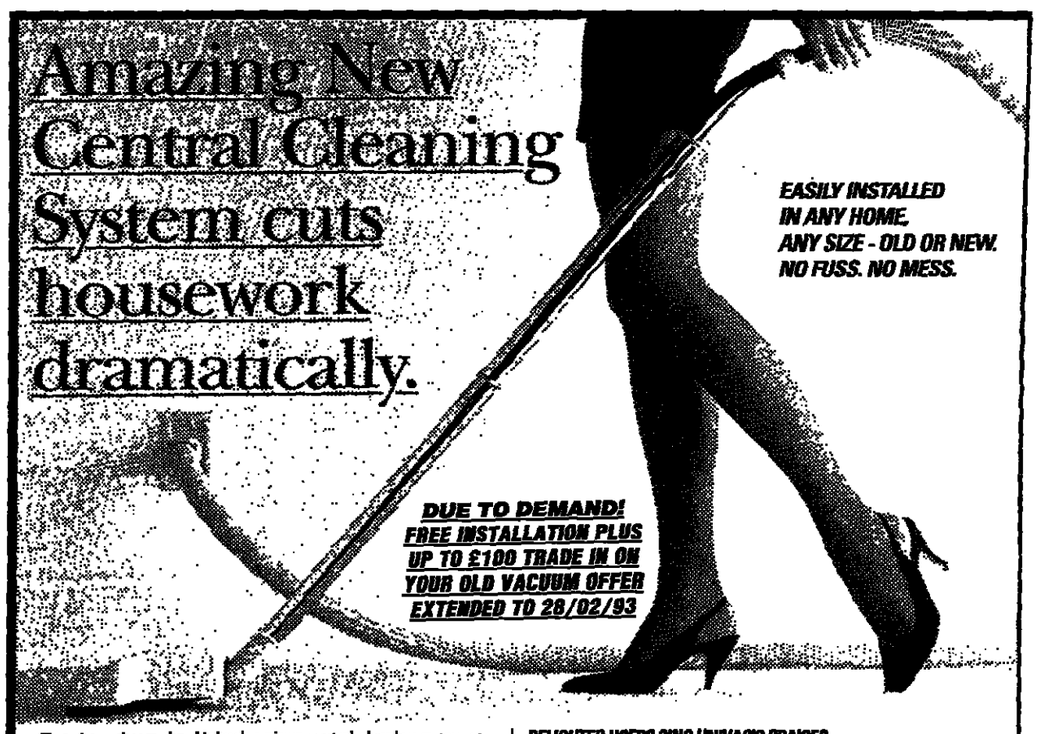
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Sarajevo looks to America as UN chief backs Owen

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN SARAJEVO

■ Boutros Boutros Ghali is being called "a friend of the Serbs". Any alternative blueprint by Washington looks doomed

THE people of Sarajevo reacted with weary disbelief yesterday after the secretary-general of the United Nations endorsed the Geneva peace plan for Bosnia. The beleaguered Bosnian presidency, however, took comfort from President Clinton's promise to issue an alternative blueprint.

"Boutros Boutros Ghali is a friend of the Serbs," Zubjekic Isnet, 26, a policeman patrolling the devastated streets around the battered Bosnian presidency building, said. "Everything he does strengthens the hand of the Serbs," he added as the gunners on the front lines around the city resumed their daily cacophony after a morning lull. "Only the US can save us now."

Conditions for the besieged people of Sarajevo have eased only slightly, with electricity and local telephones restored in part to a fifth of homes two weeks ago. The fresh water shortage is still bad, but that situation has also improved slightly, residents say. A mercifully mild winter has saved thousands of lives, although old people pulling pathetic sleds bearing firewood remain a feature of the grim cityscape along Sniper's Alley.

Food remains inadequate for the vast majority unable to afford the black market. UN protection force (Unprofor) statistics released this week said French UN troops still are turning back an average of 500 people a night trying to cross no man's land near the city airport to forage for food.

A senior aide to President Isetbegovic said, however, that he was encouraged that Washington had failed to endorse the Vance-Owen package and was confident that President Clinton would lift the arms embargo so that Muslims can arm themselves against the Serbian heavy weapons pounding the city. "The US statement was reasonable," the aide, Kemal Muftic, said. "I am convinced the US plan will not deny the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina the chance for legal self-defence. We know the Americans will stand by human rights.

"President Clinton has made election promises and we are convinced he cannot shirk his responsibility for the life or death of hundreds of thousands. We were surprised by the decision of Boutros Boutros Ghali, especially since he has been here and seen the destruction of the city."

Relations between President Isetbegovic and the UN have plunged to a new low in the wake of a UN report on the killing of Hakija Turajlic, the Bosnian deputy prime minister, by a Serbian gunman as he was being driven in a French Unprofor armoured personnel carrier on the road from Sarajevo airport. The report partly blames Bosnian officials for making excessive use of Unprofor vehicles and not providing sufficient information aboutpassengers.

"That is outrageous," said Mr Muftic, who travelled with Mr Turajlic in a French armoured personnel carrier on the journey to to the airport. "We entered the vehicle in front of the presidency with the list of passengers that Unprofor had accepted. Even if what the UN report says is true, does that mean that people should be killed on the airport road? The Unprofor troops should not have opened the APC door."

Bosnian politicians fear the UN report may be used as an excuse to discourage them from travelling abroad to state their case. The mayor of Sarajevo, Muhammad Krezeiyakovic, said he had been prevented on Thursday from flying to Rome for an audience with the Pope. "Obviously someone does not want the truth to be known about Sarajevo," he said.

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Scraps of life: a Bosnian child picks through rubbish for food in Sarajevo. Delayed or cancelled UN convoys have cut the amount of relief food available

Mediator reflects on long week of recriminations

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

LORD Owen had regained a certain peace of mind by yesterday morning, as he pored over maps and documents in his conference room on the 33rd floor of the United Nations headquarters, after a gruelling week in which he was the target of vitriolic criticism in the American press.

"We are through the main problem," he said, after days of trying to persuade the US administration to back the Bosnian peace plan that he and Cyrus Vance have been negotiating in Geneva for the past five months. "We have just got the little matter of getting Dr Karadzic [the Bosnian Serb leader] to sign up, and the Muslims." Lord Owen arrived in New York at lunchtime on Monday with Mr Vance, who served as Secretary of State under President Carter, to pitch their peace package to the Clinton administration. It immediately became clear that they had done little in advance to seek all-important American backing, despite Mr Vance's close ties to the new administration.

Even before meeting Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, on Monday evening, Lord Owen had appeared on the Cable News Network. "The US administration has to decide where it is on this peace proposal: whether it backs it or not," he said.

Lord Owen's strategy has been to take the argument directly to the American people in an effort to press the Clinton administration to accept the peace package and thus force the Muslim-led Bosnian government to do the same. At the meeting with Mr Christopher, Lord Owen and Mr Vance were taken aback by the depth of the Secretary of State's apparent ignorance of their proposals.

It was that frustrating meeting with Mr Christopher, attended by only one other State Department official, that set the tone for the rest of the week. Lord Owen went straight to dinner with an old friend, R.W. Apple, the Washington bureau chief of *The New York Times*. The discussion over dinner was reproduced on the front page of *Wednesday's New York Times* under the headline "Mediator is Upset at US Reluctance over Bosnia Talks." Lord Owen was quoted as telling Mr Apple: "It's the best settlement you can get, and it's a bitter irony to see the Clinton people block it." Later in the piece, Lord Owen complained that Mr Christopher "didn't really take in what I was saying".

On Thursday, *The New York Times* editorial called Lord Owen "as vain as he is smart", and spoke of a "cheeky, almost condescending lecture to a new American president".

Asked to speak to the cameras at UN headquarters to respond to the editorial, Lord Owen seemed chastened and, with a wry smile, refused. Later, word circulated that the Americans would in future only deal with Mr Vance, formerly Mr Christopher's boss in the Carter administration. By Thursday evening, the United States seemed to be shuffling on board.

Serbia is not as disunited as West would like to think

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

BOSNIA has long been nicknamed "the leopard skin" in Belgrade because of the multitude of ethnic dots on its map. But this is one leopard which has changed its spots — with ethnic cleansing and fighting driving out whole communities — and which Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance would like to alter again under their peace plan.

With the prospect of war in the former Yugoslav republic continuing for years if America does not endorse the Geneva scheme quickly, the peace negotiators might see a more aposite Bosnia analogy in Jonathan Swift:

So naturalists observe a flea
With smaller fleas that on him prey
And these have smaller fleas to bite 'em
And so proceed ad infinitum.

Washington now stands against the United Nations, the European Community, a nervous and historically pro-Serb Russia, and even China. This leaves the warring factions to lobby for those parts of American or Vance-Owen policy which please them most, increasing the transatlantic rift in the process.

The Clinton administration says that it is wary of the Vance-Owen plan mainly because it sees it as rewarding "ethnic cleansing" by giving some Bosnian territory to the Serbs and because it fears having to put American troops on the ground to police a deal.

However, those involved in the peace process believe that

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the reluctance of Washington stems at least in part from ignorance of the Geneva plan. It is also possible that the United States is anxious to preserve its status as the last superpower and would not like to see any new power blocs developing in the search for a Balkans solution, for instance between Russia and Germany and/or China.

America is now considering appointing a special envoy to try to renegotiate the Vance-Owen plan instead of pressing for the lifting of the arms embargo against the former Yugoslav republics. It has also abandoned for the moment the idea of seeking a United Nations resolution giving the West the right to bomb Serb airfields and other military targets in an attempt to enforce the no-fly zone. The administration has come to believe that any allied aerial bombardment of Serb targets, whether in Bosnia or Serbia and Montenegro, would probably be extremely ineffective without ground-troop back-up because of the terrain and the classic inability of air power to defeat ground forces. This was evident in the Gulf war, even though the terrain and conventional nature of the Iraqi enemy forces should have made air attacks more effective than they would be against guerrilla gun emplacements in the mountains of Bosnia.

Far from helping the victims of the war in Bosnia, any such forcible "peacemaking" could spur Serbs to even greater belligerence. They are extremely nationalistic and even opposition leaders regarded as friendly by the West — such as Vuk Draskovic of the Serbian Renewal Movement and the leaders of the Social Democratic Party — say that they will never relinquish Kosovo or abandon their ethnic brothers in the Serb-held Croatian enclave of Krajina.

Serbia is not as disunited as the West would like to think.

Mobsters 'used' FBI boss

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

J. EDGAR Hoover, the jowly, tough-talking hard man who ran the FBI for nearly 50 years, was allegedly also a flamboyant gay transvestite who called himself "Mary" and whose sexual proclivities left him at the mercy of Mafia blackmailers.

That, at least, is one of the more remarkable claims made in a new biography of the FBI chief, *Official and Confidential: The Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover* by the former BBC journalist Anthony Summers.

Hoover's alleged homosexuality has long been hinted at by other biographers, but Mr Summers cites evidence which he says shows that the late FBI director was gay and that he protected mobsters for decades out of fear that they would reveal photographs of him engaged in homosexual acts. In extracts from the book published this month in *Vanity Fair* magazine, Mr Summers quotes associates of known Mafia leaders saying that compromising photographs were used to prevent Hoover from clamping down on organised crime.

The author quotes Seymour Pollock, an associate of the crime boss Meyer Lansky, as saying: "The homosexual thing was Hoover's Achilles' heel ... Meyer found it and it was like he pulled strings with Hoover. He never bothered any of Meyer's people." Mr Summers speculates that the photographs, which have never surfaced, may have been passed to the Mafia by Hoover's rivals and enemies at the Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of the CIA.

Habitually clad in the rather severe grey suit favoured by FBI agents, on less formal occasions Hoover is said to have chosen a black dress with flounces, lace stockings, high heels and a curly wig.

New US trade moves threaten Land-Rover

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BILL Clinton's administration is on the verge of a decision that could wreck Land-Rover's substantial North American operation and escalate trade tensions between the US and both Europe and Japan to dangerous new levels. European officials who have lobbied in Washington are "not very hopeful" of the outcome.

Under intense pressure from America's "big three" carmakers, the White House is about to raise import duties on minivans and similiar vehicles from 2.5 per cent to 25 per cent. The purpose would be to curb Japanese imports, but it would also effect both Land-Rover and Volkswagen.

A senior Land-Rover official said yesterday that the increased tariffs would add nearly $7,000 to the $44,200 (£30,690) price of a Range Rover, possibly halving sales in the British company's biggest overseas market and raising serious questions about the viability of Land-Rover North America. Thirty per cent of all Range Rovers are sold in the US.

Diplomats also see the decision as the first real test of the new administration's approach to international trade, its recent adverse decisions on steel and telecommunications issues having been legacies from the Bush administration.

Both the Japanese and the EC are preparing complaints under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade should the new duties be imposed. The EC would be prepared to retaliate in an attempt to nip in the bud a US drift towards protectionism.

Clinton ready to name successor to Baird

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton is expected to nominate federal judge Kimba Wood to head the Justice Department as attorney-general, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* reported yesterday.

Since the withdrawal last month of his first nominee, the Connecticut lawyer, Zoe Baird, Mr Clinton has been pressed to keep a pledge women's groups said he made during the transition period of naming a woman as the nation's senior law enforcement official.

Unnamed administration officials told the papers that Mr Clinton was awaiting the results of a background check on Ms Wood by the FBI before making the announcement. Mr Clinton and his wife, Hillary, have interviewed Ms Wood and are impressed with her, officials said.

Ms Wood, 49, is a Manhattan federal judge since former President Reagan appointed her to the federal bench in 1988. Before that she was an anti-trust and litigation attorney for a New York law firm.

As federal judge, Ms Wood is best known for sentencing junk-bond financier Michael Milken to 10 years in prison. She later reduced the sentence to two years in recognition of Milken's cooperation with federal prosecutors.

Ms Wood is a Democrat and a graduate of Connecticut College and Harvard Law School. She is married to *Time* magazine writer Michael Kramer, has a young son and does not have a "nanny problem," as one adminsitration official quoted in *The Washington Post* put it. Ms Baird's withdrawal was forced by the disclosure that she had hired two illegal aliens as domestic



Wood: FBI checking her backgound

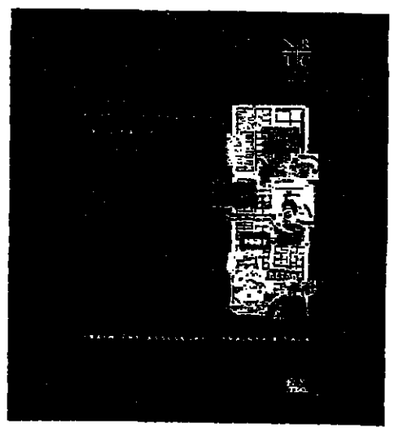
help. Other finalists for the coveted cabinet post were Washington lawyer Charles Ruff and former Virginia governor Gerald Baliles.

● **Bill signed:** Mr Clinton has signed a Family Leave Bill, twice vetoed by President Bush, that gives workers up to 12 weeks' unpaid leave for family emergencies.

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UK's economic ills make France fear for European union

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

■ French businessmen have committed the heresy of saying the franc should float. The notion is attracting support

YOU can read it as desperation or schadenfreude, but the sound from Paris over recent days unmistakably has been that of gloating.

With rare unity, French leaders and pundits of left and right have focused their gaze across the Channel, noting the mess, as they see it, of Britain's economy. "Britain is going down a dead-end path," Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, said after the pound came in for another bashing while the franc was freed, thanks to the Bundesbank, from onrushing devaluation.

In a condescending editorial yesterday, the conservative *Figaro* reduced John Major's travails to a fairy tale, saying that he had given the world a moral lesson in exactly how not to run a country. "When you forget the economy, it will always take its revenge."

Behind the hooting, however, it is not hard to detect a degree of anguish. For all its prosperity, France is being forced to confront an unpleasant possibility: its long-cherished notion of European union may be slipping away to be replaced by the British model. The *douche écossaise*, as "cold shower" is appropriately called in French, has been applied by the Hoover affair and the money markets.

For years, France has viewed Europe and its Maastricht corollary as a way of fashioning Europe in its own image: a centralised apparatus where a close-knit team of government bureaucrats and industry leaders, whether in public or private sector, guide the economy in what they consider to be the best interests of the nation.

Say "Europe" and one of the first images to spring to the French mind is "protection". The 12 nations would join in safeguarding their markets and costly welfare regimes from "unfair" competition, mainly from America and the Far East. Inside its frontiers, France offers a good example of protection. Prices in a range of products, from air fares and telephones to books and anything bought at the chemist, are kept artificially high. Unified Europe, however, seems to be turning out more and more like the British vision of a free trade zone ruled by the laws of the market.

Signs of trouble came last year with the reform of the common agricultural policy, unfavourable to France's pampered farmers, and then the associated row over the farm accords between the European Community and the US that penalised them further.

This week, the pained outcry over Hoover and two similar cases has been sparked by the French realisation that, with the tariff walls down, jobs will flow to where labour is cheapest. France is ill equipped to compete because employers must pay 46p in "social charges" for every pound in wages, the second highest level in Europe after Italy's 50p. In Britain, derided by France as a Third World state, the figure is a mere 30p and of course wages are also lower. The Socialist government and the leaders of its likely conservative successor next month are committed to keeping up the generous welfare payments financed by the payroll charges.

The unpleasant truth is also being rammed home by the plight of the franc, in what is left of the European monetary system. Germany's decision to cut two key interest rates on Thursday was hailed as manna from heaven by the politicians who subscribe to the policy of the strong franc.

However, the markets and suffering French businessmen acknowledge that it will amount to a mere respite which may or may not tide the franc over until the elections late next month. To preserve the franc, key interest rates in France have been held at a stifling 13.5 per cent despite incipient recession.

Lack of confidence in the franc means that the rates must still be kept well above the German level, choking new investment and driving up unemployment. It is only a matter of time, economists say, before the effort fails. Moreover, about 70 per cent of French businessmen told a poll last month that they hoped the next government would allow the currency to float, giving them cheaper credit.

The next government's likely leaders, however, have spent the week promising to do no such thing. Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist who is already being treated as prime-minister-elect, has commited himself to preserving the franc and the path to monetary union.

Conservative protestations lack conviction, though. One of the most outspoken dissidents in their ranks, Philippe Seguin, leader of the anti-Maastricht campaign, committed the sacrilege yesterday of suggesting that France would do better by aligning itself with London. "I am against the slippery slope of the single currency."



Close encounter: Andrés Sánchez, a Spanish junior bullfighter, kneels dramatically in the sand to come face to face with his second opponent on the first day of the fair at Valdemorillo. This event is traditionally the start of the Spanish bullfighting season

Soviet arms going for bargain prices

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN KHARKOV

MORE than £1.4 billion worth of Soviet arms, including some of the most modern equipment, was this week put out to tender privately in Kharkov in the largest bargain basement sale of its kind yet in the former Soviet Union.

The armaments, which come from Russia and could be enough to equip a national army, have been offered at rock-bottom prices. They were dumped for quick sales by an industrial exchange based in an 11-storey building topped by Soviet hammers and sickles in this grey, industrial city in the eastern Ukraine.

Eighty T62 and T64 tanks are being offered at £140,000 to £160,000 each, while MiG jets are being sold at a fly-away price of $11 million. T80B tanks, reckoned to be unsurpassed in the world, are selling for £1.4 million each.

The offer has been arranged through a joint venture called Ukrainian-Siberian Universal Exchange, a holding company which runs 22 other firms throughout the former Soviet Union. The company's weekly bulletin, which normally offers everything from metal to cigarettes and soap, this week contained two A4 pages of arms ranging from Yak bombers, dozens of rockets and missile systems, to diesel-powered submarines.

The sellers' identities, said Igor Taranov, the president of the arms exchange, are a commercial secret as will be their final destinations. "The conditions of sale are that if bought, all the weapons must be taken out of the country," Mr Taranov said.

Leonid Kuchma, Ukraine's prime minister, said he was unaware of the sale and promised an investigation.

Yeltsin's referendum plan turns into a poison chalice

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin's arch-rival for power, parliamentary speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, yesterday accused the Russian leader of losing control of government and "failing to cope with his duties". He told Carl Bildt, the Swedish prime minister, in Moscow that Mr Yeltsin had "forced the April referendum on the constitution on us and now does not know how to get out of the situation".

Mr Yeltsin originally planned the referendum to control conflicting authorities which are paralysing effective government and reform in Russia. But now the measure threatens, not just his own power, but democracy and unity in the Russian Federation. He himself has said that the referendum "will be decisive for the fate of Russia".

A round-table of moderate conservative forces, including Mr Khasbulatov and Alexander Rutskoi, the vice-president, yesterday called for the referendum to be abandoned, and Mr Khasbulatov demanded once again that early presidential and parliamentary elections should be held in the spring of next year. Vladimir Shumeiko, the first deputy prime minister and a leading reformer told the meeting that a referendum was necessary to end the confrontation between government and parliament.

Unfortunately for Mr Yeltsin, more and more democratic supporters of reform are also turning against the referendum, arguing either that it will be wrecked by parliament or that it will set a bad precedent for presidential government by plebiscite. Instead, they are calling for a constituent assembly, and asking that if the referendum takes place, a question to that effect should be included.

In Russia, as in most of the former Soviet republics, the lack of a new constitution is a significant factor in political turmoil. In the Soviet Union, the Communist party held all real power, so there was no need clearly to delineate the roles of the legislature and the executive. But now in many republics, the supreme soviets or parliaments, have arrogated to themselves executive powers which in most democracies would strictly be within



Yeltsin: under attack from arch-rival

the sphere of the government. This has given Mr Khasbulatov the chance to set himself up as an alternative source of state authority. Parliament's agreement to the referendum was one of the few concessions extracted by Mr Yeltsin during the Congress in December, and it now looks like a poisoned chalice.

If the referendum were to be worded as Mr Yeltsin hopes, it would give the people a clear choice between a presidential and a parliamentary form of government. In this case, he would be almost sure to win, because unpopular as his government is becoming, the Supreme Soviet, viewed by most Russians as a useless and corrupt talking-shop, is even more so.

Recent opinion polls show that a small majority of Russians favour an authoritarian government if this would help to stabilise the worsening economic situation. By winning a referendum, President Yeltsin could hope not just to get a constitution of his liking but to greatly strengthen his personal authority by going directly to the people over the heads of the conservative dominated parliament.

There is no chance, however, that the Supreme Soviet will allow such a clear question. Instead, the key issues are being buried in a list of questions stretching for three pages and including such self-evident points as "should Russia be a sovereign state?"

So there is a strong likelihood that a bewildered, apathetic and impoverished population will show their disgust with the entire political process by staying away en masse. If this happens, observers have warned, the chief damage will be to Mr Yeltsin, because his entire position is based on his supposed direct link to the Russian people, by whom he was elected.

Polluted Budapest coughs up car grants

BY GERARD DAVIES IN BUDAPEST

EASTERN Europe is choked by pollution this winter, and in Budapest a chief culprit is the Trabant, the box-like car from the communist era whose two-stroke engine offers low power and high toxicity.

The Hungarian capital, where one in five cars is a Trabi, is to consider donating a lump sum to owners helping them to exchange their vehicles for less polluting models. Those unable to afford a new car but who wish to keep their Trabis or equally toxic sisters, Wartburgs, are to be offered discounts to fit catalytic converters. Other owners will be offered free public transport for two years or shopping vouchers as an incentive.

Last year, Renault offered £1,000 discounts to owners who traded in their Trabis for a Western car, but only 600 drivers in Budapest came forward. Those behind the new project hope it will bring fresh air to a city where carbon dioxide levels reach twice the permitted limit.

Reputed Mafia boss seized

BY PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

GIUSEPPE Montalto, believed to be one of the leading figures in the Sicilian Mafia, was arrested in Sicily yesterday. He was seized in an early morning raid at a luxury villa on the outskirts of the capital, Palermo, where he had been living with his wife and three children.

A fugitive for almost 10 years, Montalto, 34, was a close associate of Salvatore "Toto" Riina, arrested in Palermo last month after nearly a quarter of a century on the run. Montalto is said to be a member of the "cupola" — a board of directors governing the various clans.

A police helicopter monitored the raid. Hearing the noise, Montalto took refuge in a secret cubbyhole in a bathroom but police found him. He asked to be allowed to hug his children before going.

Montalto was sentenced to six years in his absence at the first of the mass Mafia "maxi-trials" in Palermo in the 1980s, accused of ordering the killing of Salvo Lima, a European parliament delegate, last March.



Lawful entry: Giuseppe Montalto being escorted into a police car yesterday after his arrest near Palermo

The relief felt at yesterday's arrest was reflected in Rome on another issue when the Italian government survived a confidence vote called by the opposition Democratic Party of the Left which is expected to sanction its survival until a referendum on electoral reform at the end of April. The vote was called by the Democrats after a corruption scandal appeared to undermine the position of the government and in particular, of Giuliano Amato's Socialist party. The vote was 321-255 in favour of the government.

Austria clings to neutrality as power blocks crumble

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN VIENNA

Few countries feel as challenged by the end of the Cold war as Austria, and for few is the new orientation towards the West and membership of the European Community so important or so destructive of the old political framework.

As Franz Vranitzky, the chancellor, said in an interview with *The Times*, the role of neutral intermediary between rival power blocks, played by Austria with such success for 36 years, was suddenly made redundant in 1989. Many people have not yet come to terms with the changed conditions.

The opening of the borders in the East has brought tough competition: Poles, Czechs and Hungarians have far lower manufacturing costs. Vienna has lost its importance as a listening post for Eastern Europe. The whole concept of neutrality, developed two years after the 1953 state treaty as a way of protecting Austrian interests, has become superfluous.

No wonder, Herr Vranitzky said, many people are now uneasy, unsure about the future, worried about unemployment. The scapegoat, as so often, was the foreigner. That explained why more than 417,000 people signed the recent petition to halt immigration. "It does not mean that we are more hostile to foreigners than others. It is a whole complex of worries."

Austria, he says, is a country which only really found its identity after the second world war. The first republic, built on the remnants of empire, was a country no one wanted, one that none of its own citizens believed in.

After the period of Nazi rule, Austria's room for manoeuvre was strictly limited by the East-West conflict; neutrality was the only way to adjust to a situation where either of the two military blocs could have marched through the country at any time. The East-West conflict has not ended, he insisted, citing Serbia. Russia and the West. But there is no longer a danger of a war between Nato and the Warsaw Pact. "In that sense therefore neutrality as a security concept is no longer valid."

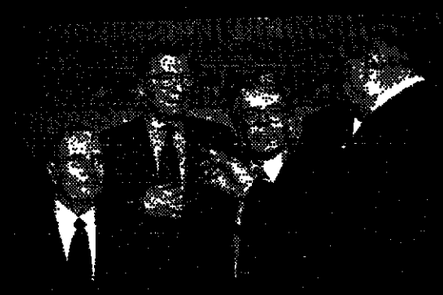
Herr Vranitzky said Austria, unlike Germany, did not have constitutional difficulties about joining European partners in military operations; its forces had long been engaged with the United Nations. But neutrality still meant standing aside from bloc pacts such as Nato which were set up to wage war.

Jörg Haider, the populist leader of the maverick Freedom party, has just come out decisively against Austria joining European Community governed by Maastricht. In the light of his failure to win support for his anti-foreigner campaign, he sees this as a new area to exploit.

Herr Vranitzky dismisses him as an opportunist. But he admits the application for Community membership will not be smooth. Many Austrians now wonder why the country should throw the strong schilling, which is tied to the mark, into the turbulence of the European monetary system.

The government was more alarmed by Herr Haider's petition than it admitted. The polarisation of opinion would make hinder changes of political direction and an "anti-foreigner" image would have damaged Austria's acceptance in the EC. "We came through," Herr Vranitzky said. "We are relieved."

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Alexander Chancellor in New York



■ At best political correctness can express respect for the disadvantaged, at worst its hypocrisy is repulsive

Political correctness is about the use of language or gesture to pretend that the world is how you would like it to be, as opposed to how it is. There are grey areas, of course. Was, for example, last night's nomination of Lady Thatcher as "Woman of the Year" by the Palm Beach, Florida, chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation an act of political correctness, or had she already earned the honour in some way? A better example this week was the announcement by the New York Zoological Society that the city's four zoos are to be renamed wildlife conservation parks. By no stretch of the imagination could the charming little zoo at the bottom of Central Park, with its collection of monkeys and penguins and sea lions for children to gawp at, be thought to be serving the purpose of wildlife conservation. But the idea of keeping animals in captivity for human enjoyment is now generally perceived as so abhorrent that the zoological authorities felt they had to pretend they were doing something completely different. (Had the directors of the New York Zoological Society studied *The Official Politically Correct Dictionary and Handbook*, which is on sale in the humour departments of New York bookshops, they might have pulled back from this decision. The last entry in the book's section on Bureaucratically Suitable Language — language used by officialdom to mask oppressive activities — is "Wildlife Management", defined as "killing or permitting the hunting of animals" and illustrated with a photograph of a hunter clasping the antlers of a slain deer.)

Political correctness may often be a substitute for any serious efforts to fight social wrongs. But it can at best represent a wish that such wrongs did not exist and a desire to show some sort of respect for the disadvantaged and the oppressed.

There are examples, however, which are repulsive in their hypocrisy, and one such is the little loop of red ribbon which people wear on their lapels as a symbol of their solidarity with the victims of Aids. As is so often the case, the idea of the red ribbon was not an ignoble one. It was intended to keep this killer disease in the forefront of people's minds, just as the yellow ribbon was used in America and Britain to create awareness of the plight of the western hostages in Beirut. But now the red ribbon has become a mere fashion accessory.

It was finally consecrated as such at the annual award ceremony of the American fashion industry, conducted last Monday with much extravagance and hoopla in the State Theatre at the Lincoln Centre. As usually happens on such occasions, there were a couple of "special awards". One was to the late Audrey Hepburn, in recognition not of her acting but of her general stylishness. The other was to a design group called Visual Aids for having invented the red ribbon, which was, with breathtaking tastelessness, cited as the most innovative fashion accessory of the year. I was at the same table at the awards dinner as a photographer, David Seidner, an Aids sufferer himself, who has written for next week's *New Yorker* about the disgust he feels at the way the red ribbon has contrived to trivialise the Aids tragedy. I share his feelings.

You seldom see anybody in the street wearing the ribbon, but it is visible everywhere at the preposterously lavish charity dinners and galas which take place with desperate frequency in New York. It is pinned to the breast of almost every aspiring model or starlet and to the dinner-jacket lapel of almost every movie or television mogul. And it is a symbol not so much of the wearer's commitment to ending the plague of Aids but of his or her desire to appear on the side of the angels — to be politically correct, in fact.

> A red ribbon symbolising solidarity with Aids sufferers has become a fashion accessory

To conclude on a less distasteful note, I can report that New York is already in a lather of excitement about St Valentine's Day. Hundreds of shop windows are already decorated with paper hearts, and even the New York Telephone Company is attempting to cash in on the season of love by advertising a facility known as "call waiting" by which you can put an interlocutor on hold and talk to somebody else if a bleep on the line indicates that another call has come in. On scores of telephone booths around the city there is a sign which reads "Every time there's a busy signal somebody doesn't get to say I love you."

It is a message which seems expressly designed to increase the myriad fantasies and anxieties to which New Yorkers are prey and to induce depression in the millions who haven't got, or can't afford, a "call waiting" facility. But a spokeswoman for the advertising agency which created the slogan has been trying belatedly to cool the romantic fervour. "You might want to say 'I love you' to a friend, even," she said. "Everybody in our society thinks those words have to be passionate, but they don't."

The author edits the New Yorker*'s "Talk of the Town".*

An exposé of the gloomy world of Kremlin wives is a bestseller in Moscow, says Anne McElvoy

Powerless behind the Soviet throne

Whatever indignities America's first ladies have suffered in the course of their husband's careers they are nothing compared to the fear, misery and tedium experienced by the Kremlin spouses. Larissa Vasilyeva's book *Kremlin Wives*, a jumble of facts, memoirs, and wild speculation about the women who accompanied their men to positions of absolute power in the Soviet Union, is so popular that it is sold in boxloads on the capital's pavements (an honour hitherto reserved for that other Russian bestseller, *The Joy of Sex*).

The Bolsheviks had a saying that love was like a glass of water — "drink it, forget it and get on with the real business of building communism". Vasilyeva believes that the wives of the Soviet leadership, far from deserving the envy they provoked among the general populace, were pitiful creatures and the most immediate victims of their husbands' paranoid and repressive regimes. "Once they were swallowed by the Kremlin there were only two options open to them: the kitchen or the cell."

According to Vasilyeva, Stalin's second wife, Nadezhda Alliluyeva, revealed her deep unhappiness to a friend, the wife of the later foreign minister Molotov, saying that her husband was "rude, rough and unfair" and uninterested in sex. Her death in 1932 is still shrouded in mystery — Stalin allowed no investigation after she was found shot, either by his or her own hand. Nina Beria, wife of Stalin's philandering police chief, ended up in solitary confinement after her husband's execution.

Viktoria Brezhnev spent her days of grandeur cooking for her burly husband — "he loved my jams, pickles, soused fruits and vegetables" — while he regularly sauntered off to satisfy his other appetites elsewhere. Now 84 and tucked away on a remote housing estate surrounded by former KGB families, she emerges as a simple girl from the provinces, who never adapted to the opulence of Kremlin life, and hated foreign travel.

Vasilyeva's credentials for this book are sound. As designer of the T44 tank, her father had privileged status, and she grew up with access to high-grade gossip about the leaders. Later, as a stalwart of the Writers' Union and the wife of a former *Izvestia* correspondent in London, she enjoyed the trust of the élite's families, knew Nina Khrushchev and interviewed both Chernenko and Brezhnev's wives, was on good terms with Raisa Gorbachev and ferreted out descendents and relatives of the earlier leaders — no small feat even today. "Kremlin families are doubly secretive," she says. "First in the way that all political families in a dictatorship are and secondly because they have fallen from grace and now live in a hostile society." When the KGB files opened after the coup she was allowed ten days alone amid the Lubyanka files.

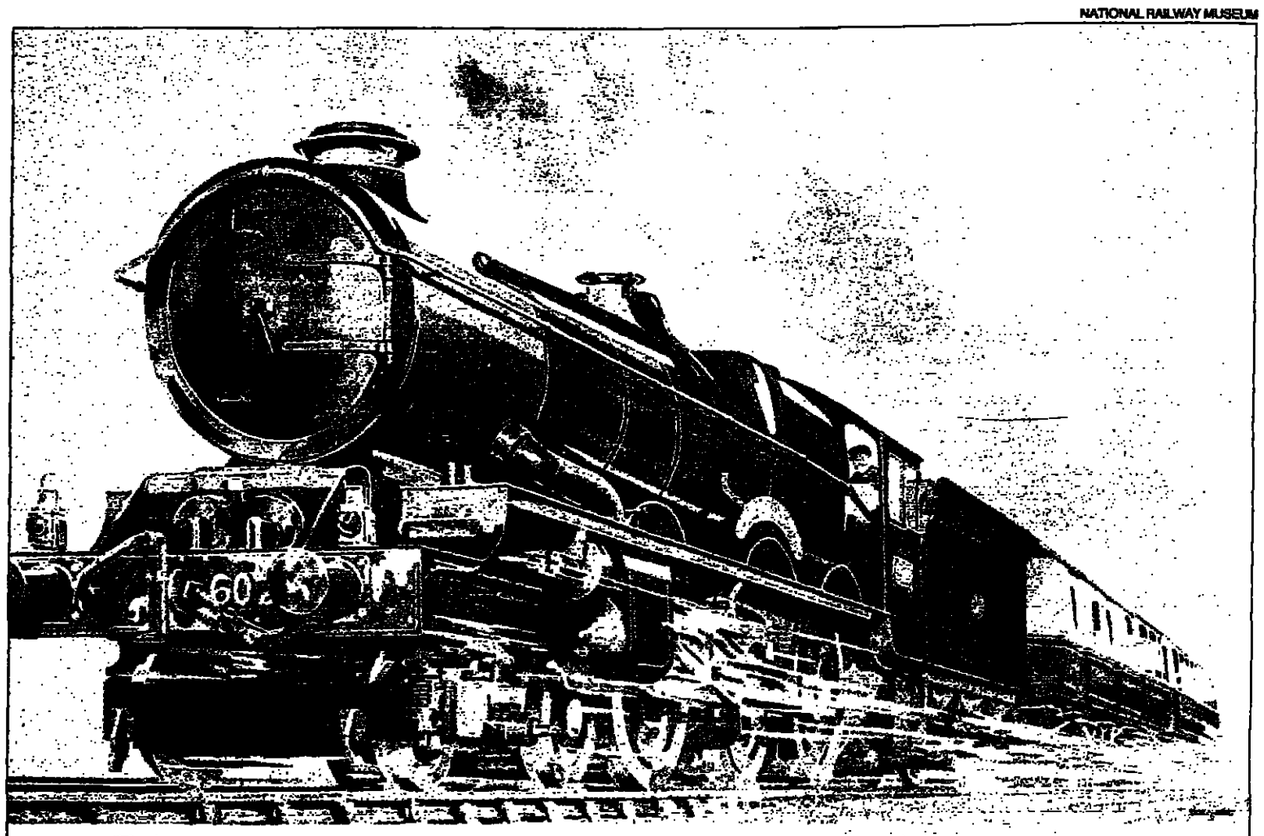
Vasilyeva rebuts the popular view that the élite, once established at the helm of Soviet society, were guaranteed a life of ease. "They were never privileged in their own right but merely as representatives of the power of their country," she says. "The state gave and the state took away. They had everything, but it never belonged to them. Even their knives and forks were the property of the Kremlin. When their husbands died they were left with nothing except KGB surveillance." The secret service took a particular interest in spouses, distrusting their knowledge of health problems and other weaknesses.

But what of Raisa who tripped across the world stage, dressed in Yves St Laurent and clutching Gucci handbags? According to Vasilyeva, her fate is the saddest of all because she alienated herself from her own people: "The men didn't like her pushiness because they feared that it might encourage their own wives to go the same way. The women were angry because she looked so young. Why, she didn't have to stand in queues in all weather to get food and clothes. She is slim because she has a good diet, and so on. Raisa just reminded them of how miserable their own lives were."

How not to run a railway

MacGregor's bill is merely the latest disaster to afflict this benighted industry

NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM



Mayo's classic poster painting of 1939 captured the spirit of the line: can another Great Western rise from the ashes of privatisation?

Requiescat in pace British Rail. I don't think a greater humiliation has ever been meted out to a public institution than John MacGregor's speech on rail privatisation on Tuesday. This majestic titan of the iron road is not even being marched honourably to the scaffold. It is damned to a lingering death in the salt mines as a "rump operator".

I declare an interest. I sat on the BR board throughout the 1980s and was an (albeit dissident) party to this tragedy. I watched BR hurtle down the track, refusing to apply brakes even when it knew Malcolm Rifkind and then Mr MacGregor were tearing the rails up ahead. The board reorganised and upheaved itself without ceasing. It never sat still.

The final elimination of the old regions did not happen until 1990, 40 years after supposed "nationalisation". This ruthless process incidentally stripped the railway of local identity and loyalty, of a sort so useful to regiments and hospitals under threat. BR thought that by making friends in Whitehall it needed none elsewhere.

I have no doubt that had BR chosen in the mid-1980s to make the regions devolved profit centres, it would have averted the catastrophe of "vertical disintegration". But the centre seized ever more control to cut costs. The first Sir Bob Reid made BR the most efficient big railway in Europe. But his centralisation left BR prey to Whitehall, top heavy and ultimately vulnerable. It also made easier the selling of prime property assets, undermining eventual privatisation. BR bit off its nose to spite its face.

No sensible person could doubt that, if BR is to be broken up, it should be done "clean" along the old regional lines of route. Over 90 per cent of journeys are down a regional corridor. Regional assets can be easily defined for sale. This was acknowledged by all the myriad surveys of privatisation (other than those paid for by BR). All without exception agreed that a track authority was the worst model. The railway's managers had to be freed to manage the whole business from top to bottom. There were too many saboteurs — union officials, government inspectors, transfer pricing accountants — to risk fragmented responsibility.

Yet we have the monstrosity of a new public corporation, Railtrack. Why? I suppose the answer lies in the Treasury's latest fad, the self-financing quango that it can control but need not finance. Railtrack will fix everything from timetables to how long a train is held on amber. It will then tax the train operators for its full costs, a tax of almost half their revenue. The operators will turn howling to the taxpayer. As Mr MacGregor blithely puts it, "If bidders cannot afford the access price, it will be subsidised by the franchising director."

Simon Jenkins

I could scarce believe my ears at this, surely the most devious route to subsidy inflation yet devised by man: a Whitehall job creation scheme par excellence. Track and signalling costs that BR has spent ten years fighting to cut will now fatten beyond its control, fed by an unholy alliance of trade unions, engineers and safety lobbyists. (Management students will ponder this classic of intellectual "top-down" industrial restructuring of the sort that has blighted British industry.)

I give any private operator one piece of advice. Don't sign a thing without negotiating two guarantees: an open subsidy should things go wrong and a huge indemnity against ministers imposing vast "safety costs" after any accident (as after Clapham). You can blame any end-year deficit on Railtrack performance and threaten to cut services. Ministers will be terrified.

The MacGregor reorganisation is merely the latest disaster to afflict this benighted industry. But can any good be extracted from the bill? The answer is yes, but only by vigorous amendment. Tory MPs must vote down the Railtrack monopoly at once — or be deselected painfully one by one. I cannot believe Robert Adley is going to vote for such nonsense. Is he man or mouse?

But let us look at Mr MacGregor's cherries, one by one. Small is clearly beautiful. The one isle of sanity is that of Wight. Its operator is to own and control his own stations, track and signalling, because they are "separate". So are those of London, Tilbury and Southend — but forgive my cheap logic. The franchising of the core of the old western region is exciting. A consortium might even one day emerge to bid for Railtrack's western region assets, restoring the integrity of Brunel's great infrastructure. Meanwhile poor British Rail is left with the branch lines. Exeter station will be a daily battleground for three corporations, two nationalised and one private. Such is madness. But the heart would be mean of spirit not to leap as God's Wonderful Railway staggers back to life.

The Portsmouth and Bournemouth franchise is almost meaningless. The trains are new, the passengers rich, exploitable and therefore in the hands of the regulator. The operator will just be a paintpot. What needs "up-marketing" are stations and feeder lines. These are to stay under state control. As for the disposal of Scotrail, British Rail will heave a sigh of relief. Scotland has long eaten the lion's share of subsidy: it can now eat even more, but it can bite the hand of the Scottish Office instead.

Which leaves the great LNER, the late-and-never-early, the east coast "fast track" to Scotland. I am mystified at why this is to be privatised but not its historic rival, the west coast line from Euston. Where is the principle in that? Here was the one opening for truly spectacular competition on the whole network. At present the west coast line is limping. By leaving it with a rump BR, Mr MacGregor must either hugely subsidise it (and enrage the east coast operator) or kill it off. Find out which before you buy shares in LNER.

The ball now passes to Parliament. Ministers have failed the railway with a decade of interference, false signals and indecision. The bill must be changed to make it easier to privatise track. But we can be thankful that something is stirring. To move forward jerkily is better than to remain stuck in a tunnel. Any bill is better than none. Almost.

Hare today . . .

AS John Smith arrives in Bournemouth this weekend for the Labour local government conference, even his most enthusiastic supporters would concede that he has not made the most spectacular of starts to life as party leader.

Bournemouth Fabian Society, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary, intends to present Smith, a long-standing Fabian, with a souvenir unlikely to grace the Labour leader's Edinburgh mantelpiece: a mug decorated with a tortoise. The centenary commemorative mug will be presented to Smith tomorrow before he makes his keynote speech.

The Fabian's original tortoise was designed by Frank Horrabin, Labour MP for Peterborough from 1929-1931, the man who illustrated H.G. Wells's "*Outline of History*".

Ian Taylor, secretary of the Bournemouth society, says: "We think the tortoise is most appropriate for John Smith's style of leadership. Slow and cautious."

Ken Livingstone, Labour MP for Brent East, the Bournemouth society's favourite guest speaker, is not convinced. More an authority on amphibians than reptiles, Livingstone says: "There is an air of the preying mantis about him. Or the hunting spider. But he is not like a tortoise. He is quick-witted. He just hides it very well."

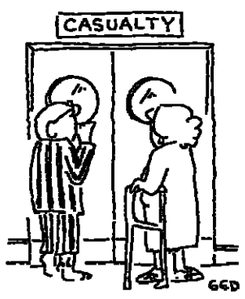
Smith can at least be consoled by the fact that the Fabian tortoise always used to appear with the legend: "When I strike I strike hard".

● *Disappointing news for Dominic Lawson. Lord Lawson and other outsiders mooted for editorship of* The Economist. *The shortlist went up in the news magazine's St James's office yesterday with insiders beating external candidates 9-0. Favourites, according to an insider, remain Nico Colchester, deputy editor and Bill Emmott, business editor. Also listed for the March preliminary interview is Matt Ridley, Lord Ridley's nephew.*

Health screens

THE debate on charging in the National Health Service, which usually centres on prescriptions and eye and dental tests, could now switch to television programmes. A hospital in South Wales has decided to charge patients £3 a day for the use of bedside television sets. Those unwilling to pay the charge at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, will have to go into the communal lounge for their daily dose of soap operas. Patients too sick to get out of bed will either have to pay up or go without.

The hospital, which will become part of an NHS trust in April, says the rule is fair. "It is about improving facilities," says Glyn Griffiths, service development director of the Glanhafren Trust, which takes over the hospital management in April. But will it make money? "Well, yes, but that will be used for other ward improvements. Such as telephones."



The scheme has gone down badly with Paul Flynn, the Labour MP for Newport West, who has tabled a motion in the Commons condemning the plan. "It takes my breath away. What will they charge for next? The air they breathe?" Well, where the BBC leads (Diary, January 27) the NHS will surely follow.

Damaged?

SPARED the demands of yet another Maastricht marathon in the Commons, cabinet ministers were out in force for Thursday night's charity premier of Louis Malle's new film, *Damage*, from the novel by Josephine Hart. Could their interest have anything to do with the film's plot, which centres on the athletic couplings of a fictional environment minister, played by Jeremy Irons?

Kenneth Baker, the former home secretary, who saw the film with, among others, the chief whip, Richard Ryder, the Welsh secretary, David Hunt, and the environment secretary, Michael Howard, thought it "wonderful". But, ever the consummate politician, Baker saw no parallel with what passes for real life in political circles: "It is so unlike the home life of our own dear ministers."

The showing, which raised more than £50,000 for the Almeida Theatre in Islington, took place in front of the implacable Princess Margaret. Geoff Brown, film critic of *The Times*, is confident that she would not have been shocked. "It is not a salacious film. I shouldn't think it's the most explicit film the royals have ever seen. Andrew's probably seen much worse things on one of his ships."

● *Lord Grade was among those mourning the loss yesterday of his fellow pioneer in commercial television, Lord Bernstein. "He was a great, great friend — we worked very closely together in the Fifties, when he had a franchise in Lancashire and I had one in London and the Midlands," he says. But their friendship was not always based on such an equal footing. "I first met Sidney in 1930 when I was a dancer in one of the variety acts staged at one of his cinemas.*

"In those days films were interspersed with cabaret acts. He was very friendly even then — though of course it wasn't until I became a booking agent that we became really close."





Angels: Barbara Taylor Bradford and the Princess

Soulful sisters

WHAT every woman needs — a black jumper and Patrick Demarchelier, portrait photographer *extraordinaire*. Barbara Taylor Bradford, the novelist, has just chosen this classic combination for the back cover of her latest romantic offering, *Angel*, to be published in June.

Demarchelier charges $25,000 (about £17,300) a session. Taylor Bradford's insistence on him may not have amused HarperCollins, her publishers, but it strikes the photographer's agent, Bryan Bantry, as perfectly understandable. "The point is it is a beautiful picture. Patrick always looks for the beauty of the soul and I think Barbara looks incredibly beautiful in this picture."

As for its similarity to Demarchelier's shot of the Princess of Wales (for whom the fee was waived), the hands-under-chin pose is "a natural pose for his subjects".

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CLINTON'S CHOICE

Russia and the West must not drift into conflict over Bosnia

The Clinton administration may have solid ideas for improving on the Vance-Owen plan for Bosnia. If so, it is time the world, or at very least the members of the UN Security Council, learnt what they are. If not, the havering at the State Department, the Pentagon and the White House is not just unwise. It is potentially dangerous, not just to Bosnians but to international peace.

Idealism, seldom lacking in freshly-minted American administrations and prominent in this one, can find plenty to criticise in this blueprint. The new Bosnia, a federal, demilitarised state with a weak central government, will be fragile. Its hopes of communal stability and its very existence will be heavily dependent on international support. That is precisely why America cannot stand aloof.

Warren Christopher, the new Secretary of State, has suggested that the plan's ethnically-based cantons constitute an appeasement of Serb aggression. This betrays some unfamiliarity with Bosnian demography. If anything it is Bosnia's Croats who have gained most: land-mass is in any case no guide to fairness in the distribution of assets between mainly peasant Serbs and largely urban Bosnian Muslims. Cantonisation is still a defeat of sorts for civilised values, given the cultural tolerance which distinguished Bosnia-Herzegovina before the fighting started. But these values will take years to recuperate after so vicious a war. The Vance-Owen plan has the merit of providing a basis on which to begin.

President Clinton has the power to kill the Vance-Owen strategy: either by withholding his support, or by declining to press the Bosnian government to agree to the plan, or even by delay. Perhaps more pertinently to the musings in the White House, American involvement, military as well as diplomatic, will be needed to get it launched. Behind the highminded caveats against about appeasing aggressors, reluctance to send American troops to Bosnia may be the true source of White House vacillation. He is considering appointing an envoy to redraw the Vance-Owen map. That could take months. And no minor modifications to the plan — all that the US can realistically seek without destroying it — will rescue America from the tough decision about sending troops.

Mr Clinton needs to weigh with urgency the costs to international security of any alternatives to putting America's full weight behind the Vance-Owen plan. He has toyed with arming the Bosnian government forces to defend themselves. He needs to be clear about what that would mean. First, it would have to be done unilaterally, not through the Security Council, where Britain and France would join the Russians in a veto. Second, such unilateral American action would lead to the total collapse of both economic and military embargos against Serbia — with Russia arming the Serbs.

What should above all concern Washington, and the world, is that every day that fighting continues in the Balkans increases the risk that Russia and the West could find themselves, for the first time since the ending of the Cold War, in opposing camps. In Moscow, Boris Yeltsin's government is under pressure to break with the West on Bosnia. Hardline critics of Russian "subservience" to Western diplomacy can appeal to supporters of pan-Orthodox unity, to lingering fears of Germany (widely seen as suspect protector of Croatia and Slovenia) and even to Russian ill-feeling towards Muslims.

Mr Yeltsin, bravely, is being resolute for peace. He supports the Vance-Owen plan, behind which his foreign minister has appealed to the Security Council to put "its entire weight and the power of sanctions". The best can be the enemy of the good. President Clinton may believe that America, as the world's only superpower, can make time stand still while it "reviews all of its options". He should look east, and make haste. Europe has already made the mistake of largely excluding Russia from its counsels on the former Yugoslavia. Mr Clinton should settle decisively for the Vance-Owen plan. And he should call an emergency summit with Mr Yeltsin, whose weight with the Serbs is decisive, with the aim of combining forces to make it succeed.

COWS TO THE SLAUGHTER

The government should scour its cupboard for spending cuts

John Major's claim in his Carlton Club speech on Wednesday that "it is necessary from time to time to re-examine long-term trends in expenditure" seems to have been no idle boast. Next week, the Treasury will announce a root-and-branch examination of public spending in three government departments to see whether any expenditure has outlived its purpose.

The ministers concerned will doubtless quail before such scrutiny; usually they only have to justify increases in their budgets. But circumstances change, and spending ministries often do not adjust their priorities to match. It was clear enough that the end of the Cold War had changed the principles on which the defence department had worked for over 40 years: the "Options for Change" review, and its subsequent amendments, was the result. But sometimes change is slower and more subtle: the impact of falling school rolls on the education budget, for instance, or of the break-up of households on budgets for housing and social security. It is no good in these areas simply arguing once a year over increases in expenditure; the balance of total spending within each department must periodically be reassessed.

Michael Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, may have grander plans still. The government is in the throes of a quiet revolution, one in which it is not alone. Politicians of many parties in many countries are starting to question what government is for and whether it needs to do all it does. One of America's most unlikely recent bestsellers was *Re-inventing Government* by David Osborne and Ted Gaebler. Their notion that government should "steer not row" has been taken up by President Clinton in Washington and by William Waldegrave, public services minister, over here. Mr Major has a Citizen's Charter; France has started its own "Projet de Service", Canada its "Public Service 2000".

Common to all is the idea that while government should ensure many services are provided to the public, it does not always need to provide them itself. Hence the attraction of competitive tendering and market-testing. Local government savings from the former have averaged 7 per cent; and Mr Waldegrave now intends to contract out over £1 billion of central government work, about 6 per cent of departmental running costs.

More radically, government may actually start to withdraw from some services rather than simply trying to provide them a little more cheaply. Mr Major said on Wednesday that he wanted to bring private-sector capital into road-building. He should also begin to explore ways in which the government can eventually privatise much of pension provision. Universal state pensions at a decent level have already become unaffordable. Demographic trends will increase the burden. A gradual move to means-testing combined with the abandonment of the mythical contributory principle will eventually have to come in Britain, as it will in America.

Mr Portillo should therefore start his scrutiny with the premise that nothing is absolutely sacred. A radical himself, he will not find such an exercise too difficult. But he will have to use all his political skills to persuade the more hidebound members of his party that tradition in public spending is not enough.

CHARITY'S FUNNY FACE

There is nothing silly about humour in a good cause

Bathing in custard may not be everyone's idea of the way to save the world. But even those whose taste does not normally run to red plastic adornments should find it hard to be churlish about Comic Relief Day — that great annual festival of goodnatured silliness which engulfs the country in indignity the better to raise money for those in need.

Charity is more often solemn than cheering, and in these years of African famine it has become associated with harrowing images of starvation and suffering. A point is reached when an audience becomes inured to constant claims on its sympathy. "Compassion fatigue" has become a cliche in the lexicon of fund-raising.

Comic Relief has made giving fun. Its joyful approach applies equally to its fund-raising techniques and to its spending. Comic Relief has been particularly adept at emphasising the happy effects of its projects, with African countries being seen as places of laughter as well as pathos.

Comic Relief differs from other aid organisations in more than its public relations. Since its launch, the Red Nose appeal has raised £75 million. Every penny donated has gone to charity. The campaign's overheads are provided by separate donors: some of them by corporate offers of equipment or stationery for its Charity Projects office, others by individuals freely giving their expert services. No big bureaucracy has been allowed to grow.

In Africa, where two thirds of its funds are spent, Comic Relief has no established infrastructure which would be a drain on cash. Instead, it funds individual projects through existing charities. The schemes are carefully chosen for their long-term benefits: Comic Relief favours the giving of tools, seeds and oxen for ploughs to help local farmers regain their independence. The remaining third of its funds is spent in Britain, mostly on helping the disabled and the homeless. Here again, those projects which most encourage self-help are favoured: Arlington House, the hostel for the homeless in Camden Town where the residents sit on the management committee, has received a grant for three years.

The mild humiliations of Red Nose stunts do more than assuage the guilt of affluence. They bring Britons together. On March 11, people of all classes will again drown pomposity and self-importance in pools of baked beans or wear scarlet proboscuses at the office. Others, badgered by their children, will affix a large red nose to the front of their cars. Let Red Nose Day once again be a celebration of voluntary service of the most honourable, and the most cheerful, kind.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Back-door' drinks from Europe

From Mr Ben Patterson, MEP for Kent West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Mr Richard Wheeler (letter, February 2) attributes the development of an illegal "back-door" trade in wine and beer brought back by private travellers from France to "short-sighted bureaucratic incompetence". On the contrary: it is the result of a deliberate policy decision.

In his detailed draft directives of 1987 for the removal of fiscal frontiers, Commissioner Lord Cockfield proposed that excise duties on alcoholic drinks should be harmonised throughout the Community: in the cases of wine and beer, the basis was an equal tax of 17 ecus per hectolitre, producing a revenue-neutral effect overall.

This was rejected by all member states, including the UK, in large part because it would have substantially limited the sovereignty of national governments and parliaments in the fiscal area. The preferred alternative was that of market forces, in which tax systems competed within a barrier-free market.

This is precisely what is now happening. Removing the legal barriers to cross-frontier shopping by private citizens — a key principle of the single market — is bound to produce pressures for the convergence of tax rates. Where the disparity in rates is wide, as is currently the case with excise duties, these pressures are augmented by the temptation to trade illegally.

It is now up to each national exchequer and parliament to decide for themselves whether the revenue is best protected by relatively high or by relatively low tax rates.

Yours faithfully,
BEN PATTERSON
(Vice-Chairman,
Economic Committee),
European Parliament, MAE 828,
97-113 Rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels.
February 3.

From Mrs Lorraine Knowles

Sir, We own a small vineyard. What with Customs & Excise duty, cost of fencing, netting, spraying, pruning, processing, bottling, labour etc, any ideas we had of being commercially viable have long since vanished.

And now, not only is cheap French wine being re-sold, but in such quantities that, however excellent our English wine, with tax at £1.11 per bottle and tourists bringing in French wine taxed at a mere 2p to 9p, competition is not easy.

At the very least, the tax should be lowered and our well respected English wines be allowed to compete on equal terms with our EC "neighbours".

Yours faithfully,
LORRAINE KNOWLES,
Friston Forest Vineyard,
Sheep Pen Cottage,
West Dean, Seaford, East Sussex.
February 3.

Communion wine

From the Reverend F. W. Pugh

Sir, May I, as a retired (but still working) country parish priest set at rest the mind of Mr A. R. Hawkes (letter, January 30) on disposal of "left over" Communion wine. An experienced priest would have little more than a teaspoonful left at the end of a Communion service. Thus even after, say, four services he would have consumed no more than a third of a glass of wine, which is normally watered anyway — unlikely to upset the breathalyser. But, should he have left more wine than it would be wise for him to consume by himself, he is authorised by the rubric to which Mr Hawkes refers to invite other communicants to help him reverently drink it.

Yours faithfully,
F. W. PUGH,
The Cottage, Balsam Lane,
Wincanton, Somerset.

PM's libel writ

From Mr R. Howard

Sir, The editor of the *New Statesman*, writing on the reporting of gossip about John Major (letter, February 2), says: "Publicity was not our aim." However, I understand that 2,000 extra copies of that issue were printed.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN HOWARD,
8 Upfield, Croydon, Surrey.

Changes in Britain's religious map

From the Vicar of Jesmond

Sir, The Archbishop of Canterbury says that the religious map of England has changed "out of all recognition" (report, February 1). Bishop Colin Buchanan ("Credo", January 30) says that "believing, worshipping Christians are a tiny handful of our nation". The facts seem to be otherwise.

The recently published *British Social Attitudes* (9th report) gives the following figures in terms of how people see themselves: 36 per cent are Anglican, 11 per cent belong to other Protestant denominations, 10 per cent are Roman Catholic and 4 per cent call themselves "Christian" but give no denomination. Only 3 per cent are members of other religions and 35 per cent have "no religion".

True, while 61 per cent are identified as Christian, only 16 per cent of the population attend a place of worship two or three times a month. But 20 per cent attend church once a month, 30 per cent several times a year and 50 per cent at some time during the year.

Twenty-seven per cent pray weekly, 17 per cent have had a "conversion" experience, and, very interestingly, only 33 per cent of the population disagree with the proposition that "right and wrong should be based on God's laws". Seventy per cent believe that there should be daily prayers in all state schools.

This is hardly a "multi-faith", non-Christian society. That is a fiction of the media, certain educationists and self-deprecating bishops and archbishops.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HOLLOWAY,
7 Otterburn Terrace,
Newcastle upon Tyne 2.
February 1.

From Mr Colin W. V. McCleery

Sir, Bishop Colin Buchanan makes a number of extremely important and valid points in connection with the debate about links between Church and state. However, one underlying assumption cannot be allowed to pass.

He infers that the 2 per cent of the population he claims as regular Anglican worshippers, and who he asserts *are* the Church of England, include more than a tiny minority who are familiar with the origins, doctrine, liturgical history, traditions and organisation of the Church and its orders. This inference is, in my experience, quite false.

This general ignorance is apparently fostered as a matter of policy by much of the current generation of clergy. Its inevitable effect on the constitution of parochial church councils and deanery synods (and hence General Synods) has ensured that the influence of liberal clerics, some of whom know less theology than Sunday school teachers of 100 years ago, has prevailed in recent years.

We need look no further for reasons why the Church has lost its moral authority and is now the creature of secular fashion. If it would find its own salvation, as well as that of the souls it represents, it must get back to basics — as an established church or otherwise.

Yours faithfully,
C. W. V. McCLEERY,
Orchard House,
Rodborough Common,
Stroud, Gloucestershire.
February 2.

From the Right Reverend Dr R. D. Say

Sir, The negative act of disestablishment is not the only alternative to maintaining the status quo. A gradual widening of the establishment has, in fact, been taking place in recent years.

There has been no state service or royal wedding since 1980 in which the Cardinal and the Moderators have not taken part, together with the Archbishop. For over 30 years the bishops have not been the only religious leaders in the House of Lords, even if, sadly, appointments from the other churches have been few of late.

A process of gradual change rather than a dramatic "breaking of the chains" has so often been the preferred way in England. Three comparatively modest steps could be taken without much more ado:

1. Life peers could be nominated from the other churches to sit alongside a reduced number of bishops in Parliament.
2. The 1977 concordat on the appointment of diocesan bishops could be amended so that the first name put forward would normally be appointed, as already happens for suffragan bishops.
3. In a few years' time a royal commission could begin to look at the form of service appropriate for the next coronation, as well as at the wording of the coronation oath to be taken in a society so vastly different from that of 1953.

It might well be that such interim steps would lead eventually to the "amicable parting" of Church and state which you advocate in your leading article (January 28). But the interval would allow Crown, Church and Parliament time to prepare for what would be a far-reaching and historic decision.

It is also possible that experience of a wider establishment, coupled with developments in the Anglican Communion and in the Roman Catholic Church, could make the Church-state relationship less of what you now describe so certainly as an anomaly.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID SAY,
23 Chequers Park,
Wye, Ashford, Kent.
January 30.

Nazis in Guernsey

From Miss M. E. Wood

Sir, I should like to support the views expressed by the Bailiff of Guernsey (letter, February 1) on the action of the island authorities in the matter of deportation of Jews by the Nazis. In the weeks after France fell, and before the Germans arrived, known Jews were advised, and urged to leave the island. I know that a number did. Officials had an unenviable task, and by no means always obeyed the Germans' demands.

My father was a rector on Guernsey and he, my mother and I were deported to Germany in September 1942. The attorney general and other prominent islanders later suffered the same fate.

I find that many of the views expressed by people who fortunately never experienced living under enemy occupation in a very small island are extremely unrealistic.

I remain, your obedient servant,
ELIZABETH WOOD,
Flat 12, Jackson-Cole House,
St Thomas Street,
Oxford.
February 1.

From Mr A. C. Gardner

Sir, The Bailiff of Guernsey challenges the statement by Mr Winston Churchill, MP, that British officials in Guernsey connived with the Germans at drawing up lists of Jews for deportation to Germany and subsequent execution in concentration camps. The bailiff maintains that when these Jews were deported to Germany in 1942 no one in Guernsey "could have known what appalling atrocities were being perpetrated by the Nazis".

This really will not do. In October 1939, within a very few weeks of the outbreak of war, HM Government had published a white paper (Cmd 6120) giving specific details of brutality being inflicted on Jews and others in Buchenwald and Dachau concentration camps.

It was based on information which had been regularly supplied by British consuls-general in Germany during 1939, and our government had been reluctant to publish it before the outbreak of war, for fear of offending German susceptibilities.

I have that white paper before me as I write, and its explicit details of torture and execution inflicted on Jews are calculated to freeze the blood. It must have been available to the administration in Guernsey in the months between publication and the German invasion.

Admittedly, the Germans did not decide on their Final Solution policy until later, but what was already known in 1939 about German brutality towards Jews should have been sufficient to prompt those on Guernsey to do everything possible to conceal the identity of Jews from the Germans who had requested the census.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN GARDNER,
8 Mill Road,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.
February 1.

Captain Scott's drugs

From Professor Michael J. Stock

Sir, Mr C. S. Barr (letter, January 29) mentions that Captain Scott's supplies of cocaine and opium were held by Wilson, the expedition's doctor. What about some of the other drugs he carried?

Edward Wilson trained at St George's, as did Dr Mike Stroud, who was a member of the 1985-6 "footsteps of Scott" expedition.

While in Antarctica, Dr Stroud visited Scott's hut and photographed Wilson's quarters. These photographs are displayed in the Edward Wilson Room at St George's Medical School, and show that among the drugs above Wilson's desk are several bottles of the thyroid gland extract — the hormone thyroxine.

Quite why Wilson thought to stock so much thyroxine is baffling. Dr Stroud could find no reference in diaries or contemporary accounts to the use of thyroxine, or to reports of thyroid hormone deficiency. The only explanation we could produce was that Wilson knew that thyroxine stimulates heat production and thought that doses of it would protect against hypothermia.

However, high, unphysiological doses are required to achieve this effect, and produce all the other, untoward symptoms of hyperthyroidism — nervousness, irritability, palpitations and muscle-wasting. These effects would exacerbate the dire physiological and psychological stresses experienced on the return from the Pole. Perhaps thyroxine helped contribute, along with scurvy and lack of food, to the demise of the party.

Dr Stroud is now attempting the first unsupported Antarctic crossing on foot with Sir Ranulph Fiennes (report, February 5), and although he is probably carrying morphine, I am sure that neither cocaine nor thyroxine is in his medical pack. I am also sure that everybody hopes this St George's doctor fares better than his famous predecessor and makes a safe return.

Yours faithfully,
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Choice of yards for Trident refit

From Lord Sanderson of Bowden

Sir, As chairman of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, I was dismayed by your report (February 3) that the prime minister had indicated to MPs that Devonport rather than Rosyth was likely to be chosen as the location for the refitting of Trident.

From my own enquiries, I am convinced that the decision as to the yard to be chosen has yet to be fully appraised by 10 Downing Street and a decision made.

The Ministry of Defence has, I understand, asked for further comparative studies to be carried out on the respective merits of the alternative proposals put forward by both Devonport and Rosyth. This initiative means the final decision will be made only after the most exhaustive comparison between the rival proposals where like will be compared with like. I am confident that Rosyth will prove to be the better proposal on all counts for Trident refitting.

Yours sincerely,
SANDERSON of BOWDEN,
House of Lords.

From Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC

Sir, The headline, "Devonport likely to win battle for Trident, says Major" (February 3), astounds those of us who attended the debate in the House of Lords on February 1 on the future of Rosyth. The debate was fully reported in newspapers published north of the border.

It is appropriate to point out that the dual-site option was fully supported on all sides of the House: all submarines at Rosyth, all surface ships at Devonport.

Viscount Cranborne affirmed that no decision had yet been taken, that absolute priority was for defence of the realm, and said: "The government still have to make up their mind."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
CAMPBELL of ALLOWAY,
2 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.
February 4.

Sovereign remedies

From Mr D. J. Pugh

Sir, Mrs Beer asks (letter, February 1) what remedies of 50 years ago people could remember. I had thought that "Doctor Williams's Pink Pills for Pale People" were only a fiction, until 25 years ago in a Chinese medicine shop in Singapore I saw a small bottle of them, with the celebrated doctor in his Victorian whiskers and high collar portrayed on the label.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. PUGH,
The Hollies, 185 Mountsorrel Lane,
Rothley, Leicester.
February 1.

From Dr George Tee

Sir, Butler's Dr Bateman's Pectoral Drops, dating from the time of George II, and Poor Man's Friend were both still available in 1945.

The latter, a Victorian salve compounded by Dr G. L. Roberts, of Bridport in Dorset, was sold in small (4cm by 5cm) pots for 1/1½d but is now regarded as too toxic for use as it contained mercury.

Yours faithfully,
G. TEE,
Hannaford House,
Poundsgate, Newton Abbot, Devon.

From Mr Reg White

Sir, I am in no doubt that the generous quantity of Clarke's Blood Mixture, poured down my throat in the early 1930s by a mother who had an almost religious belief in the stuff, has kept me going all these years. It was helped on, of course, by the odd seidlitz powder — a saline purgative — and regular doses of Parrish's Food.

Yours faithfully,
REG WHITE,
23 Cambridge Road,
Carshalton, Surrey.

From Mr David G. Felce

Sir, My father (born 1879) swore by an aperient which he called G.P. ("Gentle Perambulator"), originally prescribed by his father who was a doctor (qualified 1851). G.P.s were small sugar-coated spheres and probably consisted of nothing more than phenolphthalein, a standard stimulant laxative. My wife, who is also a doctor, says that her early days were blighted by a liquid paraffin preparation called Nujol.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID G. FELCE,
Fairfield House, Selmeston,
Polegate, East Sussex.

From Mr Chris Pickard

Sir, No list would be complete without mention of Kruschen Salts ("Enough to cover a sixpence") and Beecham's Pills ("Worth a guinea a box").

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS PICKARD,
12 Leighton Avenue,
Pinner, Middlesex.

From Lady Anne Wake-Walker

Sir, As children in the 1920s and 1930s we were given Syrup of Figs every Friday night and Eno's Fruit Salts the next morning as a "chaser".

Yours sincerely,
ANNE WAKE-WALKER,
East Bergholt Lodge, Suffolk.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 5: The Prince Edward today visited the School of Electronic Engineering and opened the new Rapier Building, Hazebrouck Barracks, Arborfield, Reading, Berkshire.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

February 5: The Princess Royal, Patron, SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, this morning visited Elmfield House, Greystoke Avenue, Westbury-on-Trym, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, this afternoon visited the Northavon Bureau, Yate Leisure Centre, Kennedy Way, Yate, Bristol.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 5: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning received the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall (Mr David Landale).

Today is the 41st anniversary of the accession of The Queen.

Birthdays

TODAY: Rabbi Lionel Blue, author and broadcaster, 63; Mr Nicholas Brett, editor, *Radio Times*, 43; Sir Denys Buckley, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 87; Mr Peter Cadbury, company chairman, 75; Mr Leslie Crowther, comedian and actor, 60; Professor Roger Greenhalgh, vascular surgeon, 52; Mr Louis Heren, journalist and author, 74; Professor J.E.C. Hill, former master, Balliol College, Oxford, 81; Miss Gayle Hunnicutt, actress, 50; Mr Patrick MacNee, actor, 71; Mr Denis Norden, scriptwriter and broadcaster, 71; Mr Manuel Orantes, tennis player, 44; Mr Ronald Reagan, former American President, 82; Lord Roskill, 82; Mr Mark Sheldon, president, Law Society, 62: Mr Jimmy Tarbuck, comedian, 53: Mr Fred Trueman, cricketer, 62; Mr Keith Waterhouse, writer, 64; Mr Billy Wright, footballer, 69.

TOMORROW: Mrs G.T. Banks, former Registrar General for England and Wales, 60; Lord Bellwin, 70; Mr P.W. Bennett, former chairman, W.H. Smith and Son Holdings, 76; Mrs Caroline Bingham, writer, 55; Lord Bottomley, 86; Miss Dora Bryan, actress, 69; the Earl of Cork and Orrery, 83; Mr Gerald Davies, rugby player, 48; the Earl of Harewood, 70; Mr Ian Jack, editor, *The Independent on Sunday*, 48; Mr Michael James, writer and nuclear energy adviser, 52; Lord Keith of Kinkel, 71; Sir John Leahy, diplomat, 65; Dr Barbara MacGibbon, pathologist, 65; Sir George Moseley, civil servant, 68; Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, executive chairman, Kingfisher, 51; Sir Philip Myers, former chief constable, North Wales Police, 62; Sir Robert Reid, chairman, West Lambeth Health Authority, 72; Earl St Aldwyn, 43; Mr R.W. Watson, former director-general, NFU, 67; Sir Brian Windeyer, radiologist and former vice-chancellor, London University, 89.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Christopher Marlowe, dramatist, Canterbury, 1564; Antonio Vieira, Jesuit and missionary, Lisbon, 1608; Antoine Arnauld, theologian, Paris, 1612; Queen Anne reigned 1702-14, St James's Palace, London, 1665; Sir Charles Wheatstone, physicist and inventor, Gloucester, 1802; Sir Henry Irving, actor, Keinton Mandeville, Somerset, 1838; Frederic William Myers, poet and co-founder of the Society of Psychical Research, Keswick, 1843; George (Babe) Ruth, baseball champion, Baltimore, Maryland, 1895; Ramon Novarro, silent film actor, Durango, Mexico, 1899; Wladyslaw Gomulka, premier of Poland 1956-70, Krosno, 1905; Bob Marley, singer and songwriter, St Ann's, Jamaica, 1945.

DEATHS: Aldus Mantius, printer, Venice, 1515; King Charles II reigned 1660-85, London, 1685; Lancelot (Capability) Brown, landscape gardener, 1783; Carlo Goldoni, dramatist, Paris, 1793; Joseph Priestley, Presbyterian minister, chemist, discoverer of oxygen, Northumberland, Pennsylvania, 1804; Ruben Darió, poet, León, Nicaragua, 1916; Gustav Klimt, painter, Vienna, 1918; Ellen Wilkinson, trades unionist and politician, London, 1947; King George VI reigned 1936-52, Sandringham, Norfolk, 1952; Marghanita Laski, writer, London, 1988.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: St Thomas More, humanist and statesman, Chancellor 1529-32, London, 1478; Henry Fuseli, painter and writer, Zurich, 1741; Charles Dickens, novelist, Portsmouth, 1812; Sir William Huggins, astronomer, London, 1824; Sir James Murray, philologist, Denholm, Borders, 1837; Alfred Adler, psychiatrist, Vienna, 1870; Sinclair Lewis, novelist, Nobel laureate 1930, Sauk Centre, Minnesota, 1885.

DEATHS: James Stewart, 2nd Earl of Moray, murdered at Deonibristle, Fife, 1592; William Boyce, organist and composer, London, 1779; Ann Radcliffe, novelist, London, 1823; Henry Neele, poet, committed suicide in London, 1828; Joseph Sheridan LeFanu, novelist, Dublin, 1873; Adolphe Sax, inventor of the saxophone, Paris, 1894; Daniel François Malan, Prime Minister of South Africa 1948-54, Stellenbosch, Cape Colony, 1959.

Dinners

Earl Alexander of Tunis
Earl Alexander of Tunis, Patron of the British Tunisian Society, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the House of Lords. The Tunisian Ambassador and Mme Lessir attended.

Royal Society of St George
The Lord Mayor of Westminster, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, was a guest speaker at a dinner given by the Royal Society of St George last night at the Naval Club to mark the 41st anniversary of the Queen.

Service dinner

HAC Mess Club
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were the guests at a dinner given by the Honourable Artillery Company Mess Club last night at Armoury House.



Restored to glory: the Palm Room at Spencer House, with modern copies of Vardy's original armchairs

Spencer family's former home shows off its gems

SPENCER House in St James's, one of the grandest surviving examples of an *18th century townhouse in London,* reopens to the public tomorrow after further restoration and the acquisition of new treasures (John Young writes). The house, the former home of the Princess of Wales's family, was built for the first Lord Spencer in 1756 and is the work of the Palladian architect, John Vardy and his successor, James "Athenian" Stuart, who adopted the neo-classical style. During the second world war many original fixtures were removed for safety to Althorp, the family's country home in Northamptonshire, and the house later had a variety of occupants. *In 1985 it* was acquired by the Rothschild organisation which began a £16 million restoration project. The house was officially re-opened by the Princess of Wales in November 1990. The contents are a mixture of original works of art, on loan from museums, galleries and other national bodies or acquired for the Rothschild Collection, and replicas of the original furniture and fittings by a team of contemporary craftsmen. Among the more notable pictures newly on display are "St Joseph and the Christ Child" by Murillo and "Agrippina with the Ashes of Germanicus" by Gavin Hamilton. In the Palm Room are modern copies of the Giltwood Suite originally designed by Vardy, produced with the help of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts which owns two of the originals. The house is also being provided with six new marble chimney pieces to replace the 18th century originals which were removed to Althorp. hree are now in place. The house is open to the public every Sunday from 11.30am to 5.30pm except during January and August.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.E. Amyatt-Leir and Miss E.L. Macpherson
The engagement is announced between Mungo, son of Mr John Leir, of Durban, South Africa, and Carolyn Miller, of Muswell Hill, London, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Macpherson, of Barkway, Hertfordshire.

Mr I.R.S. El-Mokadem and Miss C.M. Gomm
The engagement is announced between Iain, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Ahmed El-Mokadem, of Guildford, Surrey, and Cathryn, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Gomm, of Hazlemere, Buckinghamshire.

Mr P. Gebbett and Miss C. Potger
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Diana and David Gebbett, and Cassandra, daughter of Pam and Keith Potger.

Mr R.J. Hudson and Miss L.V. Bunting
The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.W. Hudson, of Flowton, Suffolk, and Lindsay, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Bunting, of Horseheath, Cambridge.

Dr D.A. Cooke and Miss C.S. Spencer
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mrs Annita Cooke, of Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd, and Mr Alun Cooke, of Port Dinorwic, Gwynedd, and Camilla, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Spencer, of Caversham, Berkshire.

Mr W.R.M. Long and Signorina L. Zucca
The engagement is announced between William Richard Meriton, son of Mr and Mrs Denys Long, of Bickley, Kent, and Lucia, daughter of Signor and Signora A. Zucca Cardinale, of Cagliari, Sardinia.

Mr D.J. Markwell and Mrs K.M. Davies
The engagement is announced between Donald Markwell, of Oxford, and Kym Davies, of Brisbane, Australia.

Marriage

Mr C.J. Lockhart-Mummery and Mrs M.L. Putley
The marriage took place quietly on February 4, 1993, between Christopher Lockhart-Mummery and Lou Putley.

Memorial services

The Right Rev John Armstrong
A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Right Rev John Armstrong was held yesterday at St Anne's, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth. The Ven Michael Henley, Archdeacon for the Royal Navy and Chaplain of the Fleet, officiated. Mr Nicholas Prowse, stepson, read the lesson and the Ven Raymond Roberts gave an address. The Rev Graham Batten pronounced the blessing.

Mr Oliver Van Oss
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Oliver Van Oss was held yesterday in Eton College Chapel. The Rev John Witheridge, Conduct of Eton, officiated and the prayers were led by the Rev David Wild.

Mr Peter Attenborough, Headmaster of Charterhouse, and Sir Antony Acland, Provost of Eton, read the lessons. Mr Mark Allsopp read from the works of Thomas Hardy and Lord Gilmour of Craigmillar gave an address.

Professor F.S.W. Brimblecombe
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Professor F.S.W. Brimblecombe was held yesterday in Exeter Cathedral. The Very Rev R.M.S. Eyre, Dean of Exeter, officiated. Mr Nicholas Brimblecombe and Dr John Tripp read the lessons and Professor John Davis gave an address

Today's royal engagement

The Princess of Wales will attend the Wales v England Five Nations rugby match at Cardiff Arms Park at 2.05.

Church services tomorrow

Ninth Sunday before Easter

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 11 Choral Euch, Darke in F, Teach me O Lord (Byrd), A Stranger here (Amner), Rev Canon Marlene Parsons; 4 Choral E, Responses (Byrd), Holman in F minor, Teach me O Lrd (Attwood); 6.15 Choral E, Responses (Tallis), Sheppard First Service, Te lucis ante terminum II (Tallis).

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC 9.30 M, Rev C G Lewis; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Walsh), O most merciful redeemer (Ridout), The Dean: 3.15 E, Responses (Piccolo), Tomkins Fifth Service, Teach me, O Lord (Hilton): 6.30 ES for Christlemas sung by choir of Christ Church College.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Sung Euch, Cantoris, Tierce en taille (Couperin), Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Voluntary in D (Croft), The Dean: 3 Education Sunday Service, Be Strong in the Lord (Nicholson): 6.30 Night Prayers, Rev Margaret Marsh.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC 9.30 Parish Communion, Parade & Baptism, Canon Peter Southwell Sander; 11.15 Sung Euch, Missa ad portae honoris (Wood), Blessed are the pure in heart (Walford Davies), The Provost; 2.30 Baptism; 6 Choral E, Responses (Smith), Canticles (Watson in E), O where shall wisdom be found (Boyce), The Vice Provost.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany (St Erasmus Chapel); 8 HC; 10 Family Euch, Gloria, Sanctus & Benedictus (Rutter in D), Angus Dei (Steel in E minor), O Christ, O Blessed Lord (Wagner); 11.30 Choral M, Responses (Rose), Te Deum (Elgar in F), Benedictus, Teach me O Lord (Attwood), Canon Colin Bennetts: 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Ayleward), Aston in F, In the beginning & The heavens are telling (Haydn), Amen (Naylor), Organ: Allegro molto (Stanford): 6.30 ES, The Dean.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC 10.15 M, Byrd Short Service, Teach me, O Lord (Byrd), Canon Brown: 11.30 HC, Sumsion in F, Adoro te devote, Canon Pedley; 3.30 E, Bairstow in D, Lord, thou hast been our refuge (Bairstow), Organ: Troisème Choral (Franck); 6.30 Durham School E.

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa Sancti Johannis de Deo (Haydn), Ave verum (Philips), Organ: Fantasia in G (Bach), Rev Professor N Whybray: 3.45 E, Precés (Treple), Jesus College Service (Mathias), Vouchsafe O Lord (Sullivan), Organ: Toccata (Gowers).

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Sung Euch, Sumsion in F, Praise to God (Campbell), Miss Pat Nappin; 4 Choral E, Responses (White), Hylton Stewart in C, Lord, I trust thee (Handel).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC 9.30 Sung Euch, Darke in F, Holy Spirit, ever dwelling (Howells), The Precentor; 11.15 M, Responses (Rose), Stanford in B flat, Lord, let me know mine end (Greene), The Subdean: 12.30 HC; 2 Education Service, The Dean; 3.45 E, Watson in E, Exultate Deo (Watson), Carillon de Westminster (Vierne).

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Come my way (Vaughan Williams), Rev Andrew Walters, Headmaster, Lichfield Cathedral School; 3.30 E, Responses (Shephard), Stanford in A, Insanae et vanae curae (Haydn).

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Stanford in C and F, Set me as a seal upon thine heart (Walton), Ven Mark Dalby, Archdeacon of Rochdale: 2.30 Air Training Corps Service; 6.30 E, Fauxbourdons (Byrd), Responses (Ayleward), O praise the Lord (Batten), The Dean.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 8.45 M, Responses (Reading), Benedictus, Te Deum (Britten in C), Teach me O Lord (Attwood): 10.30 Sung Euch, Hauptmann Mass in F minor, Teach, me O Lord (Attwood), Geoffrey Duncan, General Synod Board of Education, Toccata in B flat minor (Vierne): 3.15 E, Collegium Regale (Wood), The Beatitudes (Jombert), Amen (Hilton), Fugue sur le theme du Carillon des Heures de la Cathedrale de Soissons (Duruflé)

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Missa Ecce ego Joannes (Palestrina), God is light (Bramma), Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré), Canon Martin Kitchen: 3 E, Wood in F (Collegium Regale), Insanae et vanne curae, Canon Roger Royale.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 Sung Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Rev P de N Lucas; 11.30 M, Britten in E & C, O nata lux de lumine (Tallis); 3 E, Stanford in B flat, Give unto the Lord (Elgar), Rev S R Cutt.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Gibbond & Barnard), Boyce in C, Teach me, O Lord (Attwood), Canon Colin Semper; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Stravinsky Mass, O Lord, increase my faith (Loosemore), A new commandment (Leddington Wright), Sister Hilary Markey; 3 E, First Service (Morley), Beatus vir (Mozart): 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 ES, Rev Johnathan Goodall.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7; 10.30 SM, Asperges me (plainsong), Stravinsky Mass, Mater Christi (Taverner), Like as the hart (Howells), Litanies (Alain); 10 MP; 2.30 Organ recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B, Magnificat primi toni (Capece), Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons), Les eaux de la grâce (Messiaen).

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Missa Brevis (Mozart), Very Rev John Southgate: 11.30 M, Responses (Jackson), Jackson in G; 4 E, Wood in E flat, The heavens declare the glory of God (Boyce), Very Rev John Southgate: 6.30 Service for Education.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clywd: 11 Choral Euch, Darke in E, Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Organ: Toccata (Jongen), Rev Fr Paul Kisney: 3.30 Choral E, Dyson in D, Responses (Ayleward), And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Organ: Introduction & Passacaglia in D minor (Reger).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6pm LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children's Service), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Spatzen Mass (Mozart), Coelos ascendit hodie (Stanford), Very Rev Canon James P Pannett.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Byrd), Coronation Te Deum (Walton), Jubilate in B flat (Walton), Ven George Cassidy, Archdeacon of London: 11.30 HC, Missa brevis (Palestrina), O praise the Lord (Batten): 3.15 E, Walmisley in B flat, The heavens are telling (Haydn), Organ: Sortie (Whitlock), The Dean.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, *Dundee*: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Wood in the Phrygian Mode, O sacrum convivium (Byrd), The Provost; 6.30 Choral E, Stanford in C, Sing joyfully (Byrd), The Provost.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Messe Solennelle (Langlais), Teach me O Lord (Byrd), Rev Canon P C Nicholson: 6 E & B, Wood in E flat, Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley), The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Mr David Turner; 6.30 Rev Christopher Hobbs, Choir Anthem: Take this moment (John Bell).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, *Rev J Schmidt.*

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa simile est regnum (Vittoria), Senex puerum portabat (Byrd), Ave verum (Gounod).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 Parish Communion, Rev P Elvy, Addington Service: 6 E, Organ: Fantasia in G minor (Gibbons), Mr D Royce.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 I will praise Thee, O God (Barrett Ayres), Rev Stanley Hood: 12.15 HC; 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, Fr William Pearsall; 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Kyrie Eleison (Mendelssohn), Missa Choralis (JN David), De profundis clamavi (Jochum), Caro cibus (Mendelssohn).

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Mr Ric Thorpe; 11 Informal Servie (Creche and Children's Church), Rev Tom Gillum; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Nicholas Gumbel.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Brevis (Buxtehude), Agnus Dei (Bach Mass in B minor), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Beati mundo corde (Byrd).

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 MS & HC, Christ be my teacher, Jesus my truth my way, Draw Nigh (Thiman), Rev Paul Hulme & Rev The Lord Soper.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30, Rev Dr R John Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr José Fuliga, Simon of Cyrene Theological Institute: 7 Choral Mass, Kyrie & Credo (Vivaldi), Concerto in D minor for two violins, strings and continuo (Vivaldi), Rev Vernon F Frazier.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, The Rector: 6.30 Choral E, The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Darke in E, Thou, O God, art prais'd in Sion (Boyle), Organ: Tuba tune (Cocker), Rev Rob Marshall; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Sanders), Brewer in D, Blessed City, heavenly Salem (Bairstow), Organ: Baba Yaga-the Hut on Fowl's Legs and The Great Gate of Kiev (Mussorgsky), Canon John Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 & 12.15 HC; 11 M (attended by the London & SE Region Air Training Corps), The Lord is my Shepherd (Stanford), Rev Canon Neil Munt.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev Eleanor J McMahon; 6.30 Rev John H McIndoe.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Mass in C minor (Kitson), O Salutaris hostia (Elgar).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 *Sung Euch*, Nourse in E, Be still my soul (Whitlock), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 Sung Euch, Rev John Paul.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Mass for three voices (Byrd), In God's word (Locke), Rev Bert Galloway; 6 Choral E & Ministry of Healing, Wise in F, O nata lux (Tallis), Rev Paul Brice.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 & 12.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa de Angelis, Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Organ: Pageant (Jackson), Rev D Watson; 6.30 E, Like as the hart (Howells), Organ: Toccata (Dupré), Rev N Vigers.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Ave verum (Mozart), Rev Peter McGeary.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Sung Euch, Darke in F, When to the temple Mary came (Eccard), Rev Roger Holloway.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Saint Martin's Service (Stringer), Greater love hath no man (Ireland), Sancte Deus (Tallis), Pamela Hall; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Responses (Statham), Laudate Dominum (Mozart), Rev Martin Henwood; 12.30 HC; 2.45 Chinese Service (HC), Rev Gilbert Lee; 5 Choral E, Responses (Tomkins), Magnificat/Nunc Dimittis (Dyson in F), When the Lord turned again (Batten); 6.30 ES, World of Work, The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 & 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa Similie est regnum coelorum (Victoria), Fr Augustine Hoey; 6 Solemn E & B.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Lumen de Lumine (Berkeley), Teach me O Lord (Byrd), The Rector; 6.30 Ministry of Healing with the Royal Academy of Music, The Rector.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch, Darke in F, O Saviour of the world (Ouseley).

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Eucharist; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Ascendens Christus (Victoria), Rev Fr Alan Chidwick.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa en style ancien (Langlais), Salve Regina (Poulenc), Tantum Ergo (Duruflé), Fr Christopher Colven; 6 EP & B.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Sung Euch, Missa Matris Dei (Jackson), Canon J V Bean.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Four voices (Monteverdi), Christe adoramus te (Monteverdi); 3.30 E, How goodly are thy tents (Ouseley), Hooper Short Service, God is our hope (Greene).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 Sung Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Diffusa est gratia (Byrd), Rev Malcolm Johnson.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 Sung Euch, Stanford in C, The Chaplain.

ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 Matins & Sermon, Responses (Ebdon), Te Deum (Farrant), Benedictus, Senex puerum portabat (Byrd).

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Honour and thanks to God (Bach), Responses (Ayleward), Te Deum Laudamus (Ireland in F), Jubilate Deo (Ireland in F), And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Organ: Fantasia in G (Bach), Rev Canon James Owen.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: Services at Chelsea Barracks, SW1, 11 Choral HC, Blessed are the pure in heart (Walford Davies), Mass (Stanford in B flat), Ave verum (Mozart), Organ: Procession of the Nobles (Rimsky-Korsakov), Rev J A H Pollard (Band of The Life Guards).

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 Sung Euch, Verily I Say Unto You (Tallis), When To The Temple Mary Went (Eccard), Rev K S McCormack.

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They said among themselves, 'Let us restore the shattered fortunes of our people: let us fight for our nation and for the holy place.
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BIRTHS

ALSTON - On January 20th, to Richard and Julia (née Coots), a daughter, Olivia Sophie.

ASLETT - On February 1st 1993 at 6.15 am, to Sally (née Platts) and Michael, a son, Rupert Shelley Matthias.

BOOKER-WEST - On January 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Alexandra and Ronnie, a beautiful daughter, Lily Kai-Lu.

BUSH - On January 30th, to Kate (née Coles) and Alex, a daughter, Lucy Elizabeth.

DILLON - On February 3rd, to Henrietta (née Elwell) and Michael, a daughter, Henrietta.

GORDON-MARTIN - On February 4th, at St Mary's, Roehampton, to Clemancy (née Balfour) and Howard, a daughter, Eleanor Rose.

JOHNSON - On 4th February, at Farnborough, Kent, to Sara (née Barnby) and Mark, a son, Harry Ronald.

KARINIEMI ELDRIDGE - On January 19th, to Ritva and Mark, a son, Luke Serre.

MILNE - On 29th January 1993, to Regina, the wife of K. Milne, at Isleworth, a son.

SANDGROUND - On February 2nd, to Judith (née Axtens) and Simon, a son, James Richard.

SCOTT - On February 1st, to Veronica (née Wilkinson) and Richard, a son, William Richard Minden. Many thanks to the maternity staff at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton.

DEATHS

ALLEN - On January 30th 1993, suddenly at home, Anthony Reginald, aged 56. Beloved husband of Brenda and devoted father of Diana, Brian, Patricia, Joanna, Hayley, Robert and Lucy. Funeral at St John's Church, Stratheden Road, Blackheath, SE3, on Monday 8th February at 2.10 pm. Thanksgiving Service to be announced. Flowers to Francis Chappel & Sons, 5 Thomas Street, Woolwich, SE18 6HL, or donations to The Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
JEANNE SAUVÉ

The Right Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, P.C., C.C., C.M.M., C.D., 70, died suddenly January 26, 1993 in Montreal, Canada following a prolonged illness. Wife of the late Honourable Maurice Sauvé, Madame Sauvé is survived by her son Jean-Francois and daughter-in-law Diane de Mailly-Nesle, her brother and sisters, and many relatives and friends.

A respected broadcaster and journalist, Madame Sauvé was first elected to Parliament in 1972 where she served as Minister of State (Science and Technology), Minister of the Environment and Minister of Communications. In 1982, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau appointed Madame Sauvé as Speaker of the House of Commons. The first woman to be named Speaker, she served that office until her appointment as Governor General of Canada in 1984. Madame Sauvé was the first woman Governor General in the Commonwealth and served until 1990.

A much beloved and distinguished Canadian, amongst her many accomplishments Madame Sauvé is best remembered for her reform of the administration of the Commons and her passionate commitment to Canadian unity. Her lifelong devotion to the interests of young people led to her establishment in 1991 of the Jeanne Sauvé Youth Foundation, an international organization dedicated to promoting understanding, cooperation and tolerance among the leaders of tomorrow.

A State funeral for Madame Sauvé was held Saturday, January 30, 1993 at Mary-Queen-of-the-World Cathedral in Montreal, Canada.

BERNSTEIN - Sidney Lewis, Baron Bernstein of Leigh, LL.D., peacefully at his home on 5th February 1993 at the age of 94. Private family funeral. At his express wish, no Memorial Service.

DEATHS

ASKE - On February 3rd, suddenly, Audrey Vivienne (known to so many as 'Dumps'), aged 75 of Weybridge, younger daughter of the late Sir Robert Aske Bart., Q.C., and beloved sister of Margaret DuVivier, of the Rev. Sir Conan Aske Bart. and of Robert Edward Aske and dearest aunt and great-aunt of the Aske, DuVivier, Shaw, Prosser and O'Riain families. Funeral Service at 12 noon Wednesday February 10th at St John's Crematorium, Woking. No flowers by request but donations if desired to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund. Enquiries to F.W. Chitty and Co., 45 Elmgrove Road, Weybridge, tel: (0932) 842220.

BLUNDELL - Sir Michael K.B.E., on 1st February 1993, peacefully at his home in Nairobi, beloved father of Susan and grandfather of Emma and Georgina.

BOYS-SMITH - Priscilla, on 3rd February, aged 89. Funeral at Semley Parish Church at 12 noon on 20th February. No flowers please. If desired donations for Parish Church to Hon. Treasurer, Sem Hill, Semley, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 9AA.

CRAIG - Peacefully at the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, on 3rd February 1993, William Gourlay Adam Craig. Dear husband of the late Merran and much loved father of Neil, Mary, Margery and Jamie. Fond grandfather of Louis and brother of Moyra. Funeral Service at the University Chapel, Gilmorehill, on Saturday 13th February at 10 am to which all friends are repectfully invited. No flowers please.

DARLINGTON - On February 4th, peacefully at home, Esther Mabel Darlington, eldest daughter of the late Sir Henry Darlington, loved by her family and large circle of friends. Cremation (family only) at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday 12th February at 2 pm. Memorial Service at Chelsea Old Church to be announced later.

EYRE - On February 4th 1993 died peacefully at home after a long illness gracefully borne, the Honourable Edith Joy Marion, beloved wife of the late Walpole John Eyre (Commander R.N.), mother of Evelyn (deceased), George and Elizabeth. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving, St Mary's Church, Thorncombe, on Friday February 12th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to West Dorset MacMillan Fund and CLIC Taunton c/o J.F. Clarke & Son, Maryknoll, Lyme Street, Axminster, Devon.

GOWER - Willard Beath (Bill). On Tuesday 2nd February 1993 at Poole Hospital, husband of Irene and father of Barry, retired from the Royal Bank of Canada and Orion Bank. Funeral on Tuesday 9th February at St Catherine's R.C. Church, Wimborne at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Trust Christchurch Hospital may be sent to Nicholas O'Hara, Funeral Directors, 20 Vicarage Road, Verwood, Dorset, BH21 6DR. (0202) 824961.

GRUNDY - On 3rd February, peacefully, Pamela aged 54. Much loved mother of Johnny and Cris. Private family funeral on 11th February at Putney Vale Crematorium. No flowers please, but donations if wished to The Macmillan Nurses Appeal.

HILL - On Wednesday 3rd February 1993, peacefully, Col. R.B.T. Hill (Roddy), retd R.E.M.E., aged 72 years, of Brookhouse, near Lancaster. The beloved husband of Mary. Much loved father of Alaric, Jonathan, Linda, Judith and Lesley, father-in-law of Jenny and a loving grandfather. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Brookhouse, on Friday 12th February at 2 pm. Donations appreciated for Chest, Heart & Stroke Association, c/o Funeral Directors Preston Ireland Bowker, 208 Queen Street, Lancaster, tel: (0524) 64023.

DEATHS

HOUGHTON BROWN - On 3rd February at Galsworthy Nursing Home, after a short illness, Geoffrey aged 89. Requiem Mass at the Brompton Oratory on Wednesday 10th February at 2 pm and afterwards at Putney Vale Cemetery. Flowers to F.W. Paine, 29 Coombe Road, Kingston-upon-Thames.

I'KNIGHT - On February 3rd 1993, peacefully in hospital, Nada Lela Marie Ann, aged 81 years, after a long illness bravely borne. Funeral at Macclesfield Crematorium on Tuesday February 9th at 12.30 pm. No flowers. Donations to McMillan Nurses. Enquiries to J.W. Brocklehurst & Sons, tel: (0625) 829232.

JERWOOD - Harold Peter, on February 3rd, aged 76 years, peacefully in hospital after a long illness. Husband of Elizabeth for 52 happy years and father of Mary Hamilton, Henry and Jan Jerwood, grandfather of Victoria Hawkins, Felicity Sanderson and Kate, Rachel and Eleanor Jerwood. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at Oakham School Chapel on Tuesday 9th February at 12 o'clock. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the R.N.L.I., c/o Fords of Oakham, 8 Church Street, Oakham.

KITCHIN - Erika, peacefully on January 4th. A Memorial Service will be held at The Parish Church, Penhurst, Battle, Sussex, on Saturday March 20th at 2.30 pm.

KNOWLES - On 31st January 1993, peacefully in hospital, Helen C D. Knowles, formerly of Dumbrells School, aged 90 years. Cremation Service to take place at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Thursday 11th February at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Royal National Institute for the Blind c/o Cooper & Son Funeral Service, 42 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex, tel: (0273) 475557.

LEHAIR - Peter Maurice of Radlett, Herts, on 3rd February after a long happy life, peacefully after a lengthy illness. Much loved husband of Joan, father of Philip, Clare and Julian, father-in-law of Claire and Ian, grandfather of James. Funeral Service will take place at West Herts Crematorium Thursday 11th February at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Napsbury Hospital c/o M.K. Ginder Funeral Services, 492 Bushey Mill Lane, Bushey, tel: (0923) 221661.

MAYBAUM - On February 1st, Frances, wife of the late Rabbi Dr Ignaz Maybaum, died after a prolonged illness. Will be greatly missed by daughter, daughter-in-law and grandchildren and many friends whose lives were touched by her influence.

McLINTIC - On February 4th 1993, peacefully at home in Dollar, Francis John (Jack) M.B.E. ex Indian Police. Much loved father of Anne and Alan. Funeral Service at Dollar Parish Church on Wednesday February 10th, service commencing at 11.30am. Funeral thereafter to Dollar Cemetery.

PLATT - On January 30th 1993 peacefully at home in Pietermaritzburg, Natal, Eve in her 90th year, very dearly loved wife of the late Colonel W.A. Platt, The Sherwood Foresters, and mother of Wendy and Guy; grandmother of Judy, Peter and Mark.

SRENGER - On Tuesday February 2nd, Branko, much beloved husband, father, stepfather and grandfather. Funeral Service Sunday February 7th, 10 am, at Golders Green Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to be sent to Croatian Church Trust - Caritas, 17 Boutflower Road, London SW11.

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DEATHS

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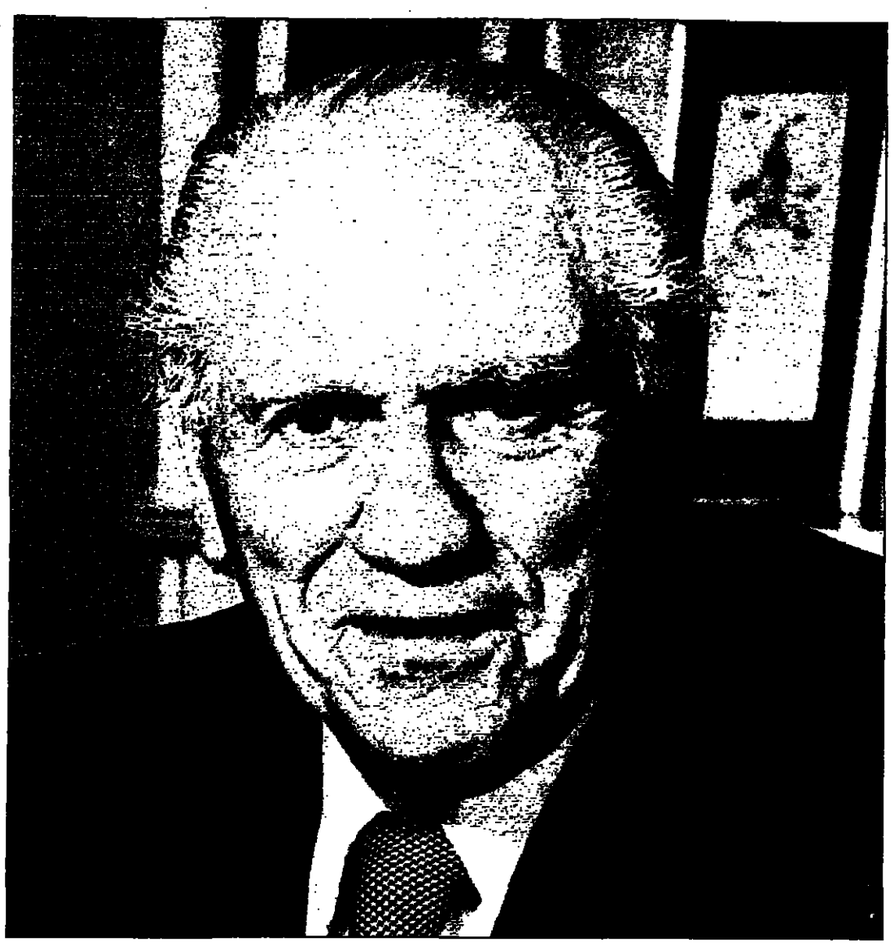
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OBITUARIES

LORD BERNSTEIN

Lord Bernstein, founder of Granada Television, died yesterday aged 94. He was born Sidney Lewis Bernstein in Ilford, Essex, on January 30, 1899.



SIDNEY Bernstein was a complex personality whose life and career embodied several apparent contradictions. He was a committed socialist and a millionaire capitalist, a businessman who was also an intellectual. He combined a connoisseur's appreciation of fine art with an instinctive feel for mass taste. In public he was a brilliant showman, in private, often reserved and shy. Granada Television was the crowning achievement of a many-faceted career that had included building up a successful cinema chain, using film in wartime propaganda and making features with Alfred Hitchcock. Created very much in Bernstein's image, Granada was the most adventurous of the early ITV companies, the longest surviving and, after a shaky start, the most consistently profitable.

Sidney Bernstein was born into a large Jewish family headed by a Swedish father and a mother who was the daughter of immigrants from Russia. His father owned quarries in Wales and was a property dealer who built some of the first cinemas in the East End of London. Sidney grew up first in Ilford and then Cricklewood. He left school at 15 to follow his father into the cinema business. At 22 he inherited the family's four theatres fortuitously on the eve of the arrival of "talkies".

From this base he developed the Granada cinema chain, choosing the name in fond memory of walking holidays in Spain. A year later he shrewdly engineered a merger of his own chain with Gaumont British, becoming managing director. Then, starting in Dover in 1930, he opened a series of super-cinemas seating thousands which were further distinguished by their exotic decor and aggressive publicity. Bernstein believed cinema-going should be an event, so he brought in the Russian theatre director, Komisarjevsky, to design the interiors, which combined eye-catching elements of Gothic, Renaissance and Moorish architecture. Bernstein's most flamboyant creation was the Granada at Tooting in south London.

Bernstein was an innovator in other ways. He was one of the first to carry out market research into the tastes and habits of the cinema audience and he pioneered Saturday morning shows for children. He was also a leading figure in the campaign for Sunday opening.

As well as running cinemas, Bernstein was interested in film as an art form. In 1925 he was a founder member of the Film Society, which gave British audiences their first chance to see the work of the great Soviet directors, Eisenstein and Pudovkin.

In 1927 he went into theatrical management with Komisarjevsky and Arnold Bennett, putting on a season of plays at the Court Theatre in London and giving Charles Laughton his first break. Three years later he built the Phoenix Theatre in the West End and opened it with the first production of Noël Coward's *Private Lives*. Though he sold the Phoenix in 1932 he continued to take a close interest in the theatre and, from the 1930s, he joined the campaign to establish a British National Theatre.

Bernstein joined the Labour party in his teens and in 1925 was elected to Middlesex County Council, one of the youngest councillors in the country, serving for six years. He was particularly concerned at the rise of Hitler and his involvement in anti-Fascist causes earned him a place on the Gestapo blacklist.

During the second world war Bernstein was film adviser to the Ministry of Information, making an important contribution to Allied propaganda and handling with skill and sensitivity relations between Britain and the United States over the cinema's wartime role.

In 1944 he became head of the film section of the Psychological Warfare Division attached to Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force and he brought over from Hollywood his friend Alfred Hitchcock to make two French-language shorts as a tribute to the French Resistance.

In the following year Bernstein decided to produce a film based on footage taken by Allied cameramen of the German concentration camps and he invited Hitchcock to supervise it. Bernstein intended the film as a permanent reminder of Nazi atrocities for German and world audiences. But the authorities decided not to show it and its existence was not made public until nearly 40 years later.

After the war Bernstein and Hitchcock formed a production company, Transatlantic Pictures, for which Hitchcock made *Rope*, with its controversial experiment of the ten-minute take, and the disappointing *Under Capricorn*. In 1952 Bernstein produced a third Hitchcock film, *I Confess*.

Bernstein was initially opposed to the concept of commercial television but as its arrival became inevitable, he changed his mind and was granted one of the first ITV franchises. (Later he was equally slow to welcome the advent of colour.) Based in Manchester and serving the north of England, Granada went on the air on May 3, 1956.

The possibilities of television drama and social documentary programmes were clear to Bernstein from the start and the idiosyncratic style of Granada's output in these fields came largely from the authority he exerted and the guidance he supplied. He disliked an over-academic approach to the production of programmes as much as he detested the sensational or the vulgarising of issues in a documentary programme. He would never starve any worthwhile idea of the money it needed to become a good programme but neither would he tolerate what he regarded as waste. His high view of the influence and responsibility of the medium was combined with a businessman's realism in the fields of administration and organisation.

Although in its earliest months, Granada had severe cash-flow problems, forcing it to reach a secret arrangement with the London franchise-holder, Associated-Rediffusion, by which the London weekday company supplied it with the bulk of its production costs in return for the lion's share of its advertising revenue, it very soon became a money-spinner. By 1963, when it still covered both Lancashire and Yorkshire, Granada had higher advertising revenue than any of its rivals. Asked why, as a southerner, he started television in the north, Bernstein said he had made his decision after looking at two maps, one showing population density and the other measuring rainfall.

Though not a man of the north (he never owned a cinema north of Oswestry and his country home remained in Kent rather than Cheshire), Bernstein was keen that Granada should reflect the culture and talent of the region and he made a point of encouraging northern writers and artists. At the same time he aimed to reach wider than a purely northern audience. He succeeded beyond his wildest expectations with *Coronation Street* (masterminded by Derek Granger who went on to make *Brideshead Revisited*), which transcended its working-class Lancashire setting to become the nation's favourite television programme and the longest-running drama series.

During the 1960s Granada's dramatic output was consistently better than that offered elsewhere on ITV and Bernstein's other main achievement was to raise the quality and incisiveness of television journalism, even if this meant brushes with the Independent Television Authority and the courts over contentious programmes. His bold approach was epitomised by the trenchant current affairs series, *World in Action*.

He contended that the best way of losing money in television was to assume a moronic level of intelligence among the public. And he objected to the term "highbrow" arguing that it was "impolite to talk to people in terms they do not understand". He preferred to talk of extending his viewers' experience and said that the only way art and entertainment should be divided was between good and bad. Critics sniped that this was a convenient approach that enabled Granada to transmit wrestling as happily as the plays of D. H. Lawrence providing the cameramen knew their jobs.

He also encountered criticism for what was seen as a failure to play a stronger role in pushing through artistic and social developments in the North such as the creation of an arts centre. Granada TV did create the Stables Theatre in Manchester, with a permanent company of actors, but it was not a success. However, the universities of Leeds and Keele found in Bernstein a supporter of their departments of politics and communications and he created a chair of Landscape Architecture at Sheffield University. He was also an ardent supporter of the North West Trust and its plans for cleaning up the North of England.

Bernstein was a tall and elegant man with immense vitality and a forceful personality which he stamped indubitably on Granada television. Not for nothing was the picture of Phineas Barnum, the American showman, hung in his offices. Bernstein regarded himself first and foremost as a showman. Respected in the studios and the cutting rooms as well as in the marketing and accounting departments, he surrounded himself with a youthful and enthusiastic band of loyal professionals. He made a point of being familiar with most of his programme-makers and their programmes and displayed a remarkable, some said obsessive, attention to detail.

He liked to imagine Granada operated as a democracy and was mystified by suggestions that it was more of mildly tyrannical autocracy. He once shouted at one of his drama producers: "I'm not trying to steam-roller you. I just want you to agree with me." On another occasion he and Derek Granger were bawling at each other because two writers had defected to another company. "It's your fault," Bernstein yelled. "You didn't oppose me strongly enough."

In 1969 Bernstein was created a life peer and, having reached the age of 72, resigned the chairmanship of Granada Television while remaining chairman of the Granada Group. Though television was Granada's best known activity, it had come to represent only 16 per cent of the company's income as Bernstein had diversified into television rental, publishing, bingo, bowling alleys and motorway service areas. He remained chairman of the group until 1979, when he handed over to his nephew, Alex Bernstein, and became life president of the company.

Aside from television, perhaps Bernstein's greatest interest was friendship. His list of friends was enormous and eclectic, and he kept his friendships in good repair, speaking out for those who needed defending, encouraging others. His munificence was very remarkable; he never forgot a kindness and was lavish in helping, surreptitiously, those who had fallen on hard times. Shy he may have seemed but he was also gregarious, a connoisseur of wine and food, an attentive listener and a sparkling talker; dinner at his table was an exhilarating experience.

Bernstein's first marriage to a *Daily Express* journalist, Zoe Farmer, was dissolved. In 1954 he married Sandra Malone, a Canadian, who predeceased him. The son and two daughters of his second marriage survive him.

ERNEST SABBEN-CLARE

Ernest Sabben-Clare, headmaster and colonial servant, died on January 24 aged 82. He was born on August 11, 1910.

SCHOOLMASTERS are too often regarded as conventional figures. Ernest Sabben-Clare was certainly not one of those. A scholar of Winchester and New College, Oxford, were he took a first in Modern History in 1932, he spent the first 20 years of his career (after a brief two years as a don at Winchester) in the Colonial Service.

Starting out in what was then Tanganyika as an assistant district commissioner, he was summoned back to Whitehall to serve in the Colonial Office during the war, before going to the British Embassy in Washington as the Colonial attaché in 1947. There he met and frequently played tennis with Donald Maclean — of whom he would later wryly remark that he never understood how he found the time for his spying activities.

His last colonial appointment was with the Nigerian government, which he served for five years, ultimately as permanent secretary to the Ministry of Commerce in Lagos. Having taken an external degree in French at London University in 1954 — in which he attained another first — Sabben-Clare returned to Britain and academic life in 1955. He went first to teach at Marlborough, becoming its Under-Master two years after joining its staff and leaving in 1960 to become headmaster of Bishop Wordsworth's School, Salisbury. He then took over the headship of one of the nation's most famous direct grant schools, Leeds Grammar School, where he stayed from 1963 to 1970. At 60 he took up a post specially created for him at Oxford — responsibility for the university's external relations.

Eventually retiring to Winchester, he became a familiar figure in the life of the cathedral and the city. He jointly edited a book entitled *Health in Tropical Africa during the Colonial Period* (1980), as well as taking yet another degree, this time from the Open University.

He is survived by his wife, Rosamond, a daughter and two sons, the younger of whom is the present headmaster of Winchester College.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LESLIE DOW

Lieutenant-Colonel Leslie Phillips Graham Dow, OBE, former producer of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, died on January 1 aged 66. He was born on January 13, 1926.



DURING nearly twenty-five years in the Army, Leslie Dow saw action throughout the old British Empire, including trouble spots like Malaya, Kenya and Aden. But the high and low points of his career were reached at home.

The low point was in 1968 when his regiment, the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) was disbanded under the defence cuts introduced by the then Defence Secretary, Denis Healey. The high point was eight years later when he landed the job of producing the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Educated at Marlborough, in 1944 he enlisted as an ordinary foot soldier in the Cameronians — one of the oldest regiments in Britain. Commissioned in the following year, he served in swift succession in Gibraltar, Trieste, Hong Kong, Malaya and in Singapore on the staff of the C-in-C Far East Land Forces.

In 1959 he was on the point of beginning parachute training when he received an urgent call to take over a company of his regiment in Kenya — where the Army was embroiled with the Mau Mau. He subsequently served in Germany and on the staff at Sandhurst before another spell in Kenya.

In the mid-1960s Dow was detached to complete a study for the Military Secretary on the Army's system of confidential reports. Then in 1966 he went with his regiment to Aden, taking over command while he was there. The Cameronians returned to this country to receive telegrams of congratulation on their performance against Arab terrorists in Aden, while Dow himself was appointed OBE.

This was followed by a bombshell from Whitehall. The regiment, founded by the Earl of Angus in 1689, was to be axed, a victim of the cuts in military spending. Leslie Dow had the unwanted honour of being the Cameronians' last CO.

He was transferred to the Kings Own Scottish Borderers but insisted on wearing the Douglas tartan trews and the leather crossbelts of his old regiment when he received his OBE insignia at Buckingham Palace from the Queen.

"You're wearing the wrong uniform," observed his sharp-eyed monarch.

"But this is the one I won the award in ma'am," said Dow. Not long afterwards he called for his bowler hat and retired into military history with the regiment.

He spent four years working in his father-in-law's business in Scotland before hearing in 1974 that Brigadier Jack Sanderson, Scots Guards, was about to relinquish the job of producing the Edinburgh Tattoo — first held in 1950. Dow applied for the post as his successor and, after sitting at Sanderson's side for the next two years, took over himself in 1976. He also directed a special display in Virginia the same year to mark the bicentenary of the United States. He held the job for the next 15 years, always working three years ahead, until, in failing health, he retired after the 1991 tattoo.

His eye for detail and his diligence were famous. He had many interests: playing hockey, making wine and, less common among Army officers, writing light verse.

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TINNED FRUIT ON SALE

Tinned fruit will be on sale again from to-morrow, when a new rationing period of four weeks will begin. On this day also the simplified arrangements for distributing cheap milk and other vitamin foods, by which any holder of a child's ration book is automatically entitled to a pint of milk a day at 2d. a pint and supplies of codliver oil and orange juice, come into force. The unrestricted distribution of household milk will come to an end, but a new allocation of dried milk will be made, and a further allocation of dried egg.

The cheese ration will be reduced to 4 oz. a week. There will be no change in the chocolate and sweet ration.

Transport is a limiting factor, but in most areas the tinned fruit will include imported apricots, peaches, pears and pineapple, and some grapefruit. The prices of home-grown and imported fruits are controlled, and they are available on points. The approximate points cost is six to a pound. The Ministry of Food has received a few complaints about new foods being added to the points scheme without any increase in the number of points (20) allotted to each consumer, and in reply an official of the Ministry yesterday pointed out that this was a method of curtailing consumption which was deliberately employed.

"As there is little fresh fruit about now," he said, "this seemed a good time to release tinned fruit, but we do not want it to be eaten in addition to other tinned foods. We cannot afford increased consumption of food at this stage. We want people to reduce their consumption of other foods during the few weeks when tinned fruit, of which the supply is comparatively small, is available. We realise that we cannot go on indefinitely in this way, and that there is a limit beyond which we cannot expect 20 points to stretch; and should it be necessary to add some fairly considerable volume of food to the points scheme, some additional points would be necessary."

There will be some bottled fruit also. In the main, it consists of home-produced plums, of which there was a bountiful crop last season, and will be available, free of points.

Commenting on a letter in *The Times* suggesting that Lord Woolton could help to reduce the consumption of bread by setting consumers a target, an official of the Ministry pointed out that it would mean fixing 45,000,000 targets, since everybody's need of bread is different.

ON THIS DAY

February 6 1943

In contrast to the bewildering array of goods in supermarket shelves today, in the depths of the second world war the addition of a tin of pears to the weekly ration was occasion for a top-of-the-page headline.

THE TIMES TODAY SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6 1993

NEWS

Major squeezes public spending

■ John Major, determined to stop public borrowing spiralling out of control, has ordered the toughest scrutiny of public spending for more than a decade.

All departments, including social security which spends £80 billion, will get a rigorous top-to-bottom examination to pinpoint areas where state support may no longer be needed. The results could affect policy-making for decades .....**Page 1**

Children stand guard on horses

■ Children, some as young as seven, have been slipping from their beds at night to guard their ponies as vigilante groups run night patrols in an attempt to halt the series of sex attacks on horses in the Home Counties.....**Pages 1, 3**

Apology rejected

An apology from the *New Statesman and Society* over an article linking John Major with Clare Latimer, a caterer, has been rejected by the prime minister because it did not go far enough.....**Page 1**

Bosnia move

President Clinton is considering appointing a special envoy to study the Owen-Vance peace plan for Bosnia with a view to possible renegotiation into an acceptable form .....**Pages 1, 12**

Tory deficit

As part of a plan to raise between £40 million and £50 million to pay off a deficit of about £19 million, the Conservative party intends to cut costs, including 42 redundancies by the end of the year .....**Page 2**

Tehran defiance

Iran's ruling mullahs, who have tried to modernise the economy but have refused to countenance a thaw in the social and ideological climate, are facing increasing defiance and disrespect from ordinary people .....**Page 10**

Cancer gloom

In spite of hundreds of millions of pounds on prevention, treatment and research, breast cancer kills 15,000 women a year with the figure rising .....**Page 7**

Right-to-die probe

A committee of peers is to hear medical, legal and academic evidence in an enquiry into the ethical and legal issues in right-to-die cases.....**Page 5**

Doctors jailed

Two doctors have been jailed for killing a remand prisoner with an overdose of drugs. Dhirenda Saha, 55, was imprisoned for 21 months and Chulum Salim, also 55, got 12 months. Both denied manslaughter and were convicted of reckless or grossly negligent unlawful killing.....**Page 3**

King goes

Lord King stepped down from chairmanship of British Airways and has been succeeded by Sir Colin Marshall .....**Pages 1, 3**

Where tennis is all the family rage

■ Mary O'Rourke, Ireland's minister for labour, is outraged by the Fitzwilliam lawn tennis club's decision to maintain a ban on women. The club is one of the country's most prestigious; among its members is the former deputy prime minister Brian Lenihan, Mrs O'Rourke's brother .....**Page 6**



Stepping out: the Pope, on the second leg of his African tour, acknowledges Ugandan dancers on his arrival at Entebbe yesterday

BUSINESS

Steel stalled: A £700 million rescue package for the European steel industry looks set to collapse because producers refuse to cut output in line with depressed levels of demand .....**Page 19**

Markets: Sterling strengthened against leading currencies, closing up .77 cents at $1.4507 and up .40 pfennigs at DM2.3961. Shares gained in early dealings but the FT-SE 100 index was down 3 at 2,862.9 by the close.....**Page 22**

SPORT

Football: Terry Butcher, dismissed by Coventry a year ago, has been appointed player-manager of Sunderland to succeed the sacked Malcolm Crosby .....**Page 36**

Rugby Union: England have never won successive Five Nations matches at Cardiff Arms Park but are expected to test the Welsh revival to the full today.....**Page 36**

WEEKEND

Where the cud is greener: Paul Heiney discusses bovine passports with Prudence (or, perhaps more suitably, Cleopatra) the cow, as he slips a surreptitious mangelwurzel into her feed .....**Page 3**

Home entertainment: Private theatrical shows and concerts are still the stuff of parties in some London homes, as Robert Tewdwr Moss discovers .....**Page 7**

Charity begins in the wardrobe: Caitlin Moran and her siblings scour the high-street charity shops for shoestring fashion.....**Page 11**

History under the hammer: A remarkable Chelsea studio house, with its contents intact, is threatened by the demands of inheritance tax .....**Page 13**

Meat and sex: Lynne Truss samples the wares of BBC2's *The Mushroom Man* and wonders how the animals in London Zoo can "earn their keep in the marketplace" .....**Page 18**

ARTS

Battle of the Titans: Two recordings released this week update the great Beatles-Stones debate of the 1960s, answering the question: who has survived the test of time better — Mick Jagger or Paul McCartney? On the basis of their latest albums, Jagger is easily the winner with an effort that reaffirms his supreme vitality as a performer .....**Weekend, page 14**

Jazz memories: The "no-messing" spirit of Bessie Smith is given a contemporary treatment by Saffire — The Uppity Blues Women, a double act on the American blues circuit who deal in traditional subject matter with a modern sense of humour.....**Weekend, page 14**

Mozart operas on record: John Eliot Gardiner provides a well-mannered but passionless account of *The Abduction of the Seraglio* while *La finta giardiniera* yields glorious, if little-known, music.....**Weekend, page 14**

COLUMNS

Simon Jenkins

I don't think a greater humiliation has ever been meted out to an institution than John MacGregor's Commons speech on rail privatisation. This once majestic titan of the iron road is to have a lingering death in the salt mines.....**Page 14**

Alexander Chancellor

There are examples (of political correctness) which are repulsive in their hypocrisy, and one such is the little loop of red ribbon worn as a symbol of solidarity with the victims of Aids. It has become a mere fashion accessory.....**Page 14**

Mary Killen

An American sociologist concluded that Westerners spend 18 months of their lives in the bath, ten years eating, seven watching television. The only shocking statistic, to me, was that an average person spends two years looking for things.....**Weekend, page 1**

TV LISTINGS

A late change to the schedule brings a live transmission of Verdi's opera, *Stiffelio*, from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. José Carreras sings the title role (Today BBC2, 7.25pm) .....**Page 16**

OPINION

Clinton's choice

The Clinton administration may have solid ideas for improving on the Vance-Owen plan for Bosnia. If so, it is time the world, or at very least the members of the UN Security Council, learnt what they are. If not, the havering in the White House is not just unwise. It is potentially dangerous.....**Page 15**

Cows to the slaughter

The government is in the throes of a quiet revolution, one in which it is not alone. Mr Portillo should start his scrutiny of departmental spending with the premise that nothing is absolutely sacred .....**Page 15**

Charity's funny face

Bathing in custard may not be everyone's idea of the way to save the world. But even those whose taste does not normally run to red plastic adornments should support Comic Relief Day .....**Page 15**

LETTERS

European Community policy is blamed by an MEP for the illegal trade in wine and beer brought in by trippers, and a Scottish Tory peer reminds the government that Rosyth would be the right place for refitting Trident .....**Page 15**

THE PAPERS

Facing a growing demand from the UN, which at the moment deploys 60,000 blue berets in 13 different missions, the member countries dream up military policies which are illogical. Facing more and more serious risks . . . the defence armouries at the heart of the developed nations are having a great deal of difficulty adapting to the hazy, ambiguous and unstable world crises

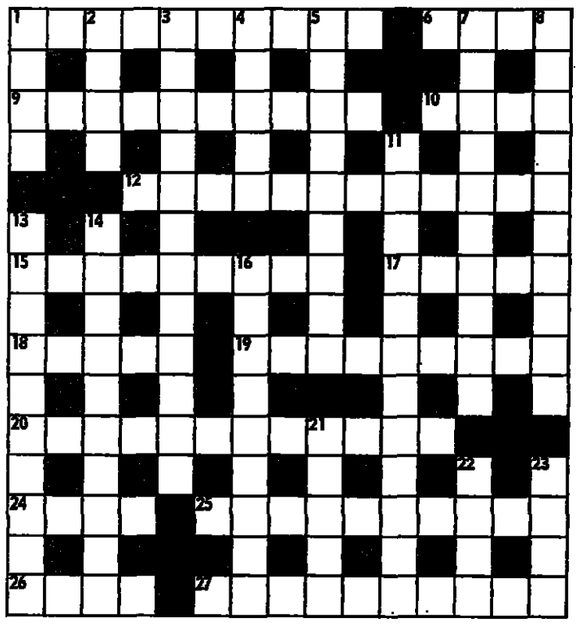
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,147

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Name/Address.....



ACROSS

1 Child with it? Only half the medicament is appropriate (2,3,5).
6 Deep sea fish (4).
9 Game in which lines aren't altered (4,6).
10 Song with a recurrent melody (4).
12 Round house — ornament on the roof I removed (7-5).
15 Keep traitor imprisoned in island indefinitely (9).
17 Put the finger on Tom (5).
18 Old official concerned with woman (5).
19 Something that offends society. (N.B. this can be corrected)(9).
20 Ships mined at sea in trouble (4,8).
24 Gangster and outlaw (4).
25 Con's love of people turns against the existing order (10).
26 Getting into apartment, a key is appropriate (4).
27 Poison two women (10).

DOWN

1 Go sour (4).
2 Just a drop of drink, right? (4).
3 Impel the beau to go off and grovel (3,6,3).
4 A man of property, one whose name everyone rejects, just using initials (5).
5 No point in islands beginning to stand still (9).
7 When carrying gold, unusual reaction of flight (10).
8 Lads bubble over at first wearing checks (6-4).
11 Secretly removed from that place some wood (3,3,6).
13 Reminder of damage that is below the foreign cardinal's office (7,3).
14 Staff in prison keep following gangster (10).
16 A man involved in sound prevention (9).
21 Gazelle showing spirit (5).
22 Artists used to arm, by the sound of it (4).
23 Cockney game for battle (4).

Concise Crossword, Weekend section, page 18

Solution to Puzzle No 19,141

C	A	T	A	T	O	N	I	C		C	A	R	I	B
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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	12	54	c	Madrid	10	50	c
Alicante	15	59	s	Majorca	16	61	f
Alex'dria	17	63	f	Malaga	14	57	f
Algiers	19	66	s	Malta	15	59	f
Amst'dm	4	39	c	Melb'rne	18	64	c
Athens	17	63	s	Mexico C*	17	63	s
Bahrain	15	59	s	Miami*	23	73	f
Bangkok	30	86	s	Milan	11	52	s
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	-11	12	s
Barcelona	13	55	f	Moscow	2	36	f
Beirut	14	57	f	Munich	10	50	s
Belgrade	-3	27	fg	Naples	15	59	s
Berlin	0	32	c	N Delhi	21	70	s
Bermuda*	19	66	c	N York*	2	36	s
Biarritz	13	55	s	Nice	14	57	c
Borde'x	13	55	s	Oslo	3	37	s
Brussels	0	32	c	Paris	1	34	c
Budapst	-6	21	fg	Peking	7	45	s
B Aires*	30	86	s	Perth	34	93	s
Cairo	16	61	f	Prague	2	36	s
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Reykjavik	-6	21	sn
Chicago*	8	46	s	Rhodes	17	63	s
Ch'church	15	59	f	Rio de J	33	91	f
Cologne	-1	30	fg	Riyadh	11	52	s
C'phagn	6	43	c	Rome	14	57	f
Corfu	15	59	s	Salzburg	6	43	s
Dublin	7	45	s	S F'risco*	14	57	s
Dubrovnik	14	57	s	Santiago*	29	84	s
Faro	15	59	s	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Florence	11	52	s	Seoul	11	52	s
Frankfurt	-2	28	c	Sing'por	30	86	s
Funchal	16	61	s	St'kholm	2	36	s
Geneva	1	34	c	Strasb'rg	0	32	c
Gibraltar	15	59	c	Sydney	22	72	c
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Edinburgh 4.57 pm to 7.56 am
Manchester 5.02 pm to 7.44 am
Penzance 5.25 pm to 7.47 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 7.31 am — Sun sets: 4.59 pm
Moon rises 4.48 am — Moon sets 6.47 pm
Full moon 11.55pm
London 5.01 pm to 7.28 am
Bristol 5.11 pm to 7.37 am
Edinburgh 4.59 pm to 7.54 am
Manchester 5.04 pm to 7.42 am
Penzance 5.25 pm to 7.45 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 7.29 am — Sun sets: 5.01 pm
Moon rises 6.16 am — Moon sets 7.14 pm
Last quarter February 13

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Anglesey	0.4	-	8	46	cloudy
Aviemore	-	0.06	9	48	rain
Belfast	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Birmingham	-	-	2	36	fog
Bognor Regis	-	-	2	36	dull
Bournemouth	-	-	3	37	dull
Bristol	-	-	4	39	bright
Buxton	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Cardiff	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Clacton	-	-	5	41	fog
Cromer	-	-	5	41	dull
Douglas	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Edinburgh	0.8	-	11	52	dull
Eskdalemuir	-	0.01	6	43	drizzle
Exmouth	-	-	5	41	dull
Falmouth	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Folkestone	-	-	4	39	fog
Glasgow	-	-	10	50	drizzle
Guernsey	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Hastings	-	-	3	37	fog
Hunstanton	-	-	4	39	dull
Jersey	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Kinloss	0.7	-	12	54	cloudy
Leeds	0.9	-	9	48	cloudy
Lerwick	-	0.41	7	45	rain
Littlehampton	-	-	3	37	fog
Liverpool	0.1	-	7	45	cloudy
London	-	-	4	39	dull
Lowestoft	-	-	4	39	fog
Manchester	0.6	-	8	46	cloudy
Margate	x	0.01	3	37	fog
Minehead	-	-	4	39	dull
Morecambe	-	-	7	45	dull
Newcastle	3.4	-	11	52	sunny
Newquay	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Nottingham	1.9	-	5	41	fog
Penzance	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Plymouth	1.6	-	7	45	cloudy
Poole	-	-	7	45	dull
Prestwick	-	-	9	48	cloudy
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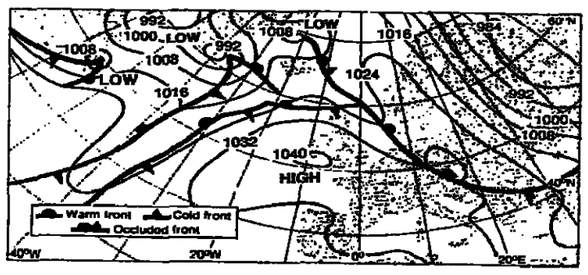
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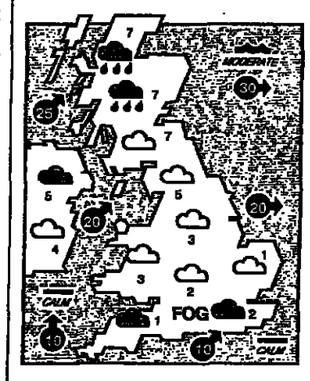
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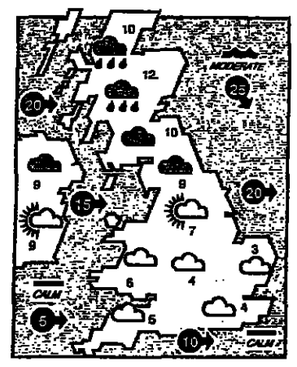
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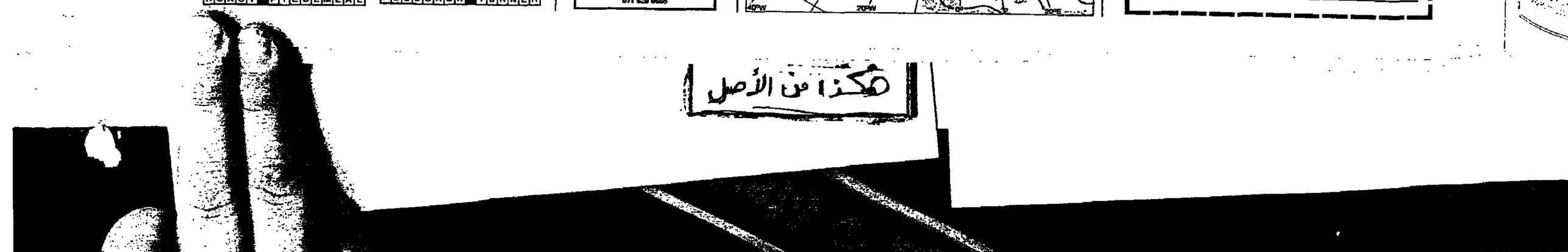
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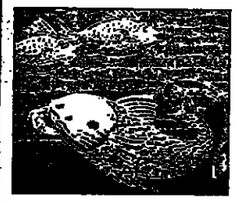


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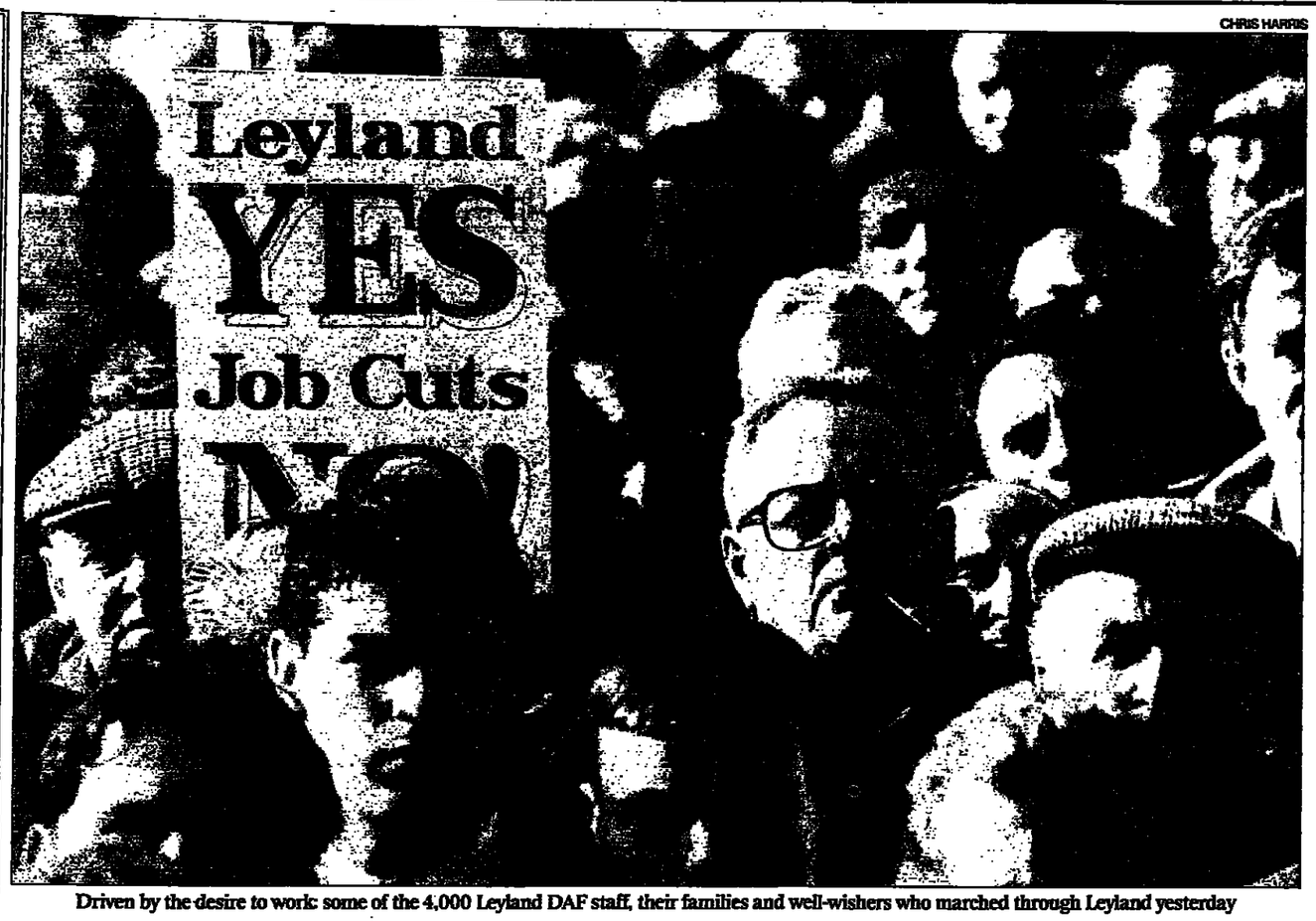
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CHRIS HARRIS

Driven by the desire to work: some of the 4,000 Leyland DAF staff, their families and well-wishers who marched through Leyland yesterday

Leyland DAF receivers fly to Holland for funding talks

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND MARTIN WALLER

THE administrative receiver of Leyland DAF, the British arm of the Anglo-Dutch truck maker, has flown to The Netherlands in an effort to secure short-term funds to restart full-scale production, after Leyland's banks agreed a £7 million temporary lifeline.

Some suppliers to the lorry assembly plant at Leyland, Lancashire, have ceased deliveries while the company's immediate financial future and that of the 5,500-strong workforce are decided this weekend.

The suppliers include the motor components companies GKN and Lucas.

In day-long talks, John Talbot, one of the joint adminstrators from Arthur Andersen who went in earlier this week when DAF, the parent company, sought protection from creditors, pressed for a package of measures that would allow both the Continental and British operations to continue.

After an earlier injection of 60 million guilders (£22 million), bound for the Continental plants, the latest £7 million from the banks has been earmarked for Britain alone, to allow wages to be paid and components ordered.

The money was advanced from the banking consortium according to the size of each bank's exposure to DAF. Three British banks, the National Westminster, Barclays and Lloyds, are owed less than a quarter of the total debts.

Central to yesterday's discussions at DAF's headquarters in Eindhoven was the need to confirm that patents on the DAF 45 and DAF 50 ranges of light trucks, the main products of the Lancashire plant, are legally vested in Britain and are not under the control of the Dutch parent, which is increasingly going its own way.

Talks also focused on the need to secure continued access for British plants to DAFs 1,300 dealerships across the Continent, and the continuing supply of engines from The Netherlands that equip half of the British-produced vehicles.

Cummins, which supplies engines at its Darlington plant, in Durham, for up to half the 14,000 trucks produced at Leyland each year, was hoping to hear from the receiver soon.

Only if links between the two companies can be redrawn so that they can operate independently, but in parallel, is there hope of securing a long-term future for the British arm.

Several potential buyers, including Paccar, the American lorry builder, and managers at the Leyland plant, are believed to be interested.

However, prospects are not good for the van plant, which employs 2,000 at Washwood Heath, Birmingham, and for the Albion subsidiary in Glasgow, where 550 workers are involved in the manufacture of axles.

The soaring cost of developing new vehicles and meeting stricter environmental regulations suggests that the British plants need to be part of a world-class vehicle manufacturing group with deep pockets.

☐ Chorley borough council, within whose boundaries Leyland DAF has a parts warehouse employing 450 people, has sent a facsimile to Japan's Mitsubishi Motors Corporation, the world's fourth largest lorry builder, asking it to buy the British company. No reply has been received.

Steelmakers refuse cuts for £700m EC rescue

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

■ Europe's steel industry is in danger of collapsing unless companies accept the orderly cut in capacity called for in the EC's £700 million restructuring package

THE EC's £700 million rescue package for Europe's steel industry has been thrown into confusion by steelmakers' refusal to axe capacity.

Fernand Braun, the EC's special "steel envoy," has returned to Brussels with little but empty promises after two months pleading with more than 60 steel companies, including British Steel, many wholly or partly state owned. They are under pressure not to cut jobs as the recession worsens despite massive and deepening losses. In the absence of a deal, Europe's steel industry will face a battle likely to kill off more and more companies.

Krupp Stahl and Hoesch Stahl, the two leading German steelmakers joining forces in response to the steel price collapse, yesterday announced production cuts of 120,000 tonnes a month. They will also try to raise prices on rolled steel products.

The gloomy outlook for the industry was emphasised yesterday when the OECD forecast that European steel output would decline this year by 2.6 per cent, after a 3.6 per cent fall in 1992.

In his interim report to the commission, made in January, Mr Braun said companies were prepared to cutback on capacity by 8 million tonnes in crude steel and 6 million tonnes in rolled steel. These figures are way out of line with those in the restructuring document prepared by Martin Bangemann, the industry commissioner, which estimates overcapacity in the hot rolled sector alone at between 19 and 26 million tonnes.

According to the Commission, demand for EC steel products in 1995 will stagnate at today's levels "even in the event of economic recovery at the end of 1993 or early in 1994." Prices for flat products are now 30 per cent down on their 1989 levels. One official said that even after a second tour of the major steelmakers, the final Braun report, submitted to the commission last week, was "very far from enough". A Braun aide said of British Steel's stance: "They said they wouldn't make cuts but we'll see." The Commission wants a committment from the industry to cut least 30 million tonnes capacity.

At British Steel in London any crisis seemed to have been forgotten. The senior echelons of the press office were all in Hobart, Australia, supervising public relations for the British Steel Challenge yacht race. No comment on Mr Braun's visit was available.

The commission is now in a difficult position. Already this year it has seen the EC lose yet more market share through anti-dumping duties imposed by Washington. Several EC steelmakers are near collapse and need the money earmarked by the Bangemann plan as soon as possible. For the plan to work EC contributions of about £350 million must be matched by member states, but first the industry will have to agree the necessary sacrifices.

Internecine strife in Brussels is intensifying over how far protection for the EC industry should extend. Sir Leon Brittan, external affairs commissioner, is adamant that the commission should keep the high moral ground in its trade war with America and not impose duties on foreign imports, but other commissioners are alarmed at the speed of the decline of the European sector. "There are notes flying around this place like raised fists," said one negotiator.

Pound continues fightback

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

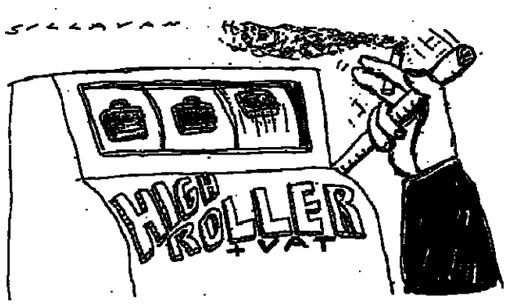
STERLING continued its recovery at the end of a volatile week, aided by German interest rate cuts, but still closed lower overall than last Friday. The exchange-rate mechanism, in such a parlous state until Thursday's Bundesbank announcement, ended the week quietly.

After the selling rout at the start of the week, the pound clawed back the ground it lost against the mark, but lost out to the dollar, increasingly in favour as signs of US recovery accumulate. Sterling closed at 77.7 on the Bank of England's index, up from 77.5 on Thursday night but still well below last Friday's 78.2. It ended a touch higher than a week ago at DM2.3961 but, over the week, lost three cents against the dollar to close at $1.4507. Gerard Lyons, of DKB International, said the Bundesbank's move had provided a breathing space for sterling, but his view of the pound's prospects remained highly cautious.

The dollar received a boost from news yesterday of a fall in the US unemployment rate then came off highs at about 1.6650 marks amid rumours of Bundesbank dollar sales. Within the ERM, the Danish krone ended the week comfortably above its floor, bailed out by the Bundesbank's decision to cut its Lombard and discount rates. The franc gained little from the Bundesbank's move, closing unchanged from Thursday at 3.3825 to the mark.

Gambling on no Budget surprises

BY LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR



NO CHANGE in personal tax rates in this year's Budget is the odds-on favourite from Budget tipsters, Coopers & Lybrand. The accountancy firm says the most likely result of this unpredictable race is no change in either lower, basic or higher rate tax.

However, Peter Wyman, tax partner, says: "If there was a change, I think it would be a reduction to basic rate tax rather than an increase. The Chancellor has twin objectives. The first is to stimulate recovery and the second is to reduce the public sector borrowing requirement. If there was a change, I think it is more likely that Mr Lamont would gamble to reduce direct taxes."

Coopers & Lybrand also predicts that the Chancellor will announce that American-style self-assessment for personal taxation is on the way. Mr Wyman gives evens for the announcement of self-assessment and ten-to-one against the legislation being included in the Budget. He believes details might be in the year's second Budget.

He also gives ten-to-one as the odds against personal allowances being increased more than the 2.6 per cent inflation rate in December.

Indexing allowances with inflation is another odds-on favourite, while no change in allowances is only five-to-one and increasing them by less than 2.6 per cent is ten-to-one.

Increasing employees' National Insurance rates is ten-to-one against, as is increasing the relief for Lloyd's names or changing the rules for mortgage tax relief.

The tipsters reckon the government may abolish schemes to pay bonuses in gold to avoid paying employers' National Insurance contributions. Hundreds of millions of pounds are lost through such schemes each year. The accountant gives odds of two-to-one on this change. It also offers three-to-one that changes to the taxation of UK branches of overseas life insurance companies are on the way.

An increase in the standard rate of value-added tax is ten-to-one against, while the extension of VAT to new categories, such as children's clothing or newspapers and books, is four-to-one, and VAT concessions for horse racing and breeding three-to-one.

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Corporate failures reach a six-year high

■ With the domestic economy still clearly in recession and just one company in five working to full capacity, a high level of insolvencies is expected to continue

BY DEREK HARRIS

ALTHOUGH the rate of company insolvencies eased slightly in the last quarter, both corporate and individual failures in 1992 were at a six-year high, according to the British Chambers of Commerce.

Individual failures in the final quarter continued to rise, while corporate insolvencies in England and Wales were 10 per cent down on the third quarter. But the third quarter had produced the worst returns since the recession began, with company failures 20 per cent up.

The fourth quarter's 6,028 company insolvencies were still 7 per cent up on the same quarter of the previous year. In the full year, there were 24,424 company insolvencies, 12 per cent higher than in 1991.

There was a guarded response on whether the slowdown in company failures signalled the economic tide turning. Richard Brown, the BCC director of policy, said: "It would be wrong to take any satisfaction from these latest figures and it is certainly premature to announce that the recession is over, based on one quarter's fall."

But he added that some comfort could be taken from the rate of company collapses slowing.

It was a bleak last-quarter picture for individual insolvencies, which numbered 9,795, seasonally adjusted, 4 per cent up on the previous quarter and 25 per cent higher than in the fourth quarter of 1991. In 1992 as a whole, there were 36,794 individual insolvencies, 44 per cent up on the previous year.

Mr Brown said that the tide might well be turning but that the most obvious question was whether the improvement would develop into a trend. He gave a warning that with the domestic economy clearly still in recession, high levels of corporate failures could be expected for some time.

He added: "We are still seeing one in 38 companies becoming insolvent at a time when only one in five companies is working to full capacity."

There were other warnings of a higher rate of business collapses this year. The Association of British Factors and Discounters said the surge in failures had increased the bad debt burden for smaller companies and that pointed to more being driven to the wall this year.

The association, whose members provide cash for smaller companies against invoices, is forecasting a 15 per cent rise to more than 70,000 in the number of business failures, including receiverships. Last year, there was a 30 per cent rise to 62,000.

Alan Hughes, the association chairman, said: "Bad debts are only the tip of the iceberg for small businesses. When the late payment problem is taken into account, their struggle to survive the recession becomes truly daunting.

"Even if the economy turns the corner this year, banks will still be cautious about lending to smaller firms and the corporate death toll will continue to climb."

Robin Cook, shadow trade secretary, said: "Until John Major and his colleagues rejoin the real world and start to take notice of the cries for help from sinking businesses, many more thousands will undoubtedly be joining them."

TED DITCHBURN



Cutting losses: Henry Roberts, chief executive of Northumbrian, has sold Lees, the loss-making subsidiary

Food group sells Lees to cut debt

NORTHUMBRIAN Fine Foods, of which Henry Roberts is chief executive, has sold Lees of Scotland, the confectionery subsidiary that was largely to blame for a group loss and passed dividend in the six months to end-September (Philip Pangalos writes).

The unit was bought by Northumbrian in 1991 for £4.6 million. It has been sold to Claymore Group for £1.15 million, with about £3 million of bank debt also off-loaded, reducing group debt to about £4.2 million.

Lees contributed £667,800 to a group pre-tax loss of £1.06 million (£252,800 profit), which included an exceptional charge of £215,000. Group turnover is £11.1 million (£4.89 million).

There is a loss of 2.96p (0.70p earnings) a share. There is no interim dividend (0.75p), and no final. Northumbrian shares lost 2p to 15p on resumption of trading.

BT unveils terms for 15,000 job cuts

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

BT HAS unveiled the second stage of one of British industry's biggest ever redundancy programmes, which will see the company shed 15,000 staff in the coming financial year through Release 93.

Although the Release 93 scheme lacks the generosity of Release 92, under which 30,000 staff will have taken voluntary redundancy by the end of March, the same basic terms for redundancy compensation and pensions will apply.

Release 92 is estimated to have cost the company £1 billion.

The second scheme comes into operation on April 1 and will continue in the following financial year, when BT hopes to lose another 15,000 staff. The company revealed in November that it would be cutting another 30,000 staff over the next two years.

The main difference in the coming year's scheme is the absence of an early leaver payment, which last year paid a 25 per cent of salary bonus to those who left by the end of July. Staff will also be expected to work out their notice period. Release 93 will offer an incentive payment of 8 per cent of pensionable pay for people who leave within a specified time of receiving their redundancy estimate. BT said it cannot ensure that the same payment will also be available in 1994.

Release 92 was so generous, with average payouts of between £30,000 and £40,000, that the scheme, which aimed to cut its workforce by 20,400, received 62,500 redundancy applications. BT accepted 30,000.

After natural wastage and company sell-offs, total staff is likely to be reduced by 38,000 by the end of March, taking staffing levels down to about 130,000, compared with 247,000 in 1990.

A spokeswoman for the National Communications Union said the union has received details of the scheme and is attempting to persuade BT to justify its claims that 15,000 staff need to go in the next year.

It is also seeking assurances from the company that redundant staff will not be replaced with contractors.

Liberty Life fined £80,000

BY LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

LIBERTY Life Assurance has been fined £80,000 by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation for failing to "organise and control its internal affairs in a responsible manner", and for failing to ensure that is staff and tied agents were suitable and properly supervised.

Liberty Life has also compensated investors who have suffered loss as a result of the failures and has agreed to compensate other investors with similar claims.

The fine follows inspection visits in February and March 1991, which identifed problems with the company's compliance procedures, and another, in April 1992, which showed it had not dealt adequately with the problems.

Lautro was concerned that Liberty Life was not screening its representatives satisfactorily. The company suspended its recruitment for three months last summer and has reviewed it current appointments.

The company was found to fail to comply with principle 9 of the Securities and Investments Board's statements of principle. Lautro acknowledged Liberty Life had cooperated fully and had taken effective steps to strengthen compliance procedures.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

OFT considers longer look at Airtours bid

THE Office of Fair Trading may deliberate for several more weeks over the £208 million bid from Airtours for Owners Abroad, the rival travel operator, before deciding whether to refer the offer to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Airtours received a predictably low number of acceptances of the offer at the first closing date, with 0.37 per cent of Owners ordinary shares accepting the terms.

It is believed the interest the bid has aroused in the travel industry — and the submissions by the Consumers' Association, independent travel agents and other interested bodies that the deal should not be allowed — mean the matter will have to be considered by a full OFT merger panel. This would extend the time taken in reaching a decision, possibly until beyond day 39 of the bid, February 22. The Takeover Panel would then have to decide whether to suspend the timetable until a decision was declared. Airtours shares were 3p lower at 281p yesterday. Owners dropped 1p to 115p.

Clifford shares surge

SHARES in Clifford Foods surged 85p to 505p after the dairy products, fruit juices and chilled foods group said it had received a possible takeover approach. Food analysts said bid favourites included Unigate, which failed in a hostile attempt to take over the company in 1980, Northern Foods, Avonmore Foods, Dairy Crest and MD Foods. Any deal would have to be agreed. Clifford profits in the six months to end-June slumped 60 per cent to £1.03 million.

Tesco takeover cleared

THE European Commission has cleared Tesco's takeover of Catteau, the family-owned French retailer. The acquisition was approved because Tesco and Catteau's markets do not overlap and there was no danger of creating or strengthening a dominant position in the French or British markets, the commission ruled. Both companies are subject to strong competition from rival retailers, it added. Tesco will buy control of Catteau through a share purchase.

Domino stake halved

A BIG shareholder in Domino Printing Sciences, the ink jet printing systems company, has more than halved its stake by selling 3 million shares. Falkner Moller Partners, the Cambridge investment house, cut its holding to 2,478,125 shares (9.7 per cent). The shares sold went to a spread of institutional investors. Gerald Dennis, right, Domino chairman, said: "The board welcomes the opportunity which this sale presents to widen its shareholder base. We are pleased that Neil Falkner (FMP chairman) will remain on Domino's board."



Barcom buys Hawkins

BARCOM, the plant-hire company formerly known as Venture Plant, has conditionally agreed to acquire Hawkins Group, one of the largest privately-owned hirers of plant for the contracting and construction industry, for a nominal £1 and assumption of Hawkins' £5.8 million debts. The company incurred £529,000 pre-tax losses in the ten months to end-October. The Barcom board has negotiated £2 million debt forgiveness with Hawkins' creditors.

Birse dives into red

CONTRACTING industry turmoil and higher interest charges sent Birse Group, the building and construction company, into a £2.71 million loss (£1.81 million profit) before tax in the six months to end-October. The interim is passed (1.65p). Peter Birse, the chairman, said the company had agreed with its banks to put borrowings on a committed three-year basis. Birse made a £429,000 operating loss, against profits of £3.25 million before exceptionals.

Colleagues expected Ward fee to be 'millions'

THOMAS Ward told colleagues at his American law firm that he expected a "very substantial" fee as a result of his work for Guinness, an Old Bailey jury heard yesterday (Jon Ashworth writes).

Michael Grow, former managing partner of Ward Lazarus, Grow & Cihlar, a Washington law firm, told the court that he had understood Mr Ward would receive a sizable fee for his work during the bid for Distillers in 1986. He said: "I assumed that for a matter of this size it would be a figure in the millions."

Mr Ward, 53, denies stealing £5.2 million from Guinness. He claims the money was a success fee.

The court heard that it was not uncommon for Ward Lazarus partners to keep personal payments arising from their work.

The trial was adjourned until Monday.

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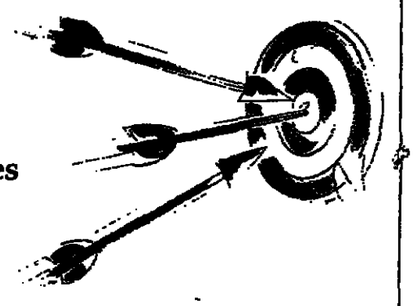
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BUSINESS PROFILE: The new top team at BA

Moving effortlessly into the captain's seat

BA's new chairman is very different from Lord King but, as Harvey Elliott reports, its problems have not changed

Within an hour of taking over as chairman of British Airways, Sir Colin Marshall had moved into the high-backed chair at the top of the mahogany, boardroom table in BA's central London headquarters, sent out for sandwiches, and begun making plans to deal with his most pressing problem — staff morale.

"There is no doubt that our people have felt the blow from the Virgin libel case and we have to move as strongly and as quickly as we can to recover the situation," Sir Colin said, after chairing his first board meeting. "I think and hope that now the succession is clarified and we really get down to it and make sure morale is recovered, our employees can continue to do the excellent job they have been doing for the past few years. They're now in reasonable shape and I believe they will get over it pretty quickly."

Until the first rumours of "dirty tricks" against Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic emerged, BA's 50,000 staff had been the most self-confident in the industry — and it showed. Gradually, however, they began wondering if there was not, after all, something in the allegations and, if so, who would carry the can.

When Mr Branson's libel action ended in a humiliating apology, they turned furiously on the directors who had for so long convinced them that the company was being run in a clean, if aggressively competitive, manner. Suddenly, the pressures, caused by the constant calls for cost cutting, reductions in overtime, redundancies and pay cuts and by the jibes they found themselves receiving, boiled over into an almost universal feeling of self-doubt, uncertainty anger and distrust.

As the archetypal service industry, airlines rely heavily on their staff. It was a lesson that Sir Colin, now 59, first learned in 1958, when he was a young steward on a cruise liner; it was reinforced during years at Hertz and Avis and culminated in his sending every BA staff member on "putting people first" courses to learn how to respond to the demands of the travelling public.

Now he and Robert Ayling, the newly appointed managing director, will have to start all over again.

Sir Colin — a far less flamboyant character than his predecessor — has achieved his success largely by example. He was always in his corner office on the fourth floor of Speedbird House, at Heathrow, by 7 am. Half an hour later, he had digested the operational details of the airline's services throughout the world from the computer screens on his desk and was calling executives, whom he automatically assumed would be at *their* desks, to ensure they were on top of any problems.

> 'There is no doubt our people have felt the blow from the Virgin case, we have to move strongly to recover'

Although he is now chairman, he has retained direct responsibility for finance, corporate strategy, safety, security, environment, communications, government and industry affairs, public relations and the medical, legal and company secretary departments. It gives him far more day-to-day control than some critics and City institutions would, perhaps, have liked; although, by giving Sir Michael Angus, deputy chairman, a watchdog responsibility to ensure executives are fully accountable for all their actions, it is hoped that his new areas of responsibility will be well within the Cadbury code of best practice.



Hands on: as chairman, Sir Colin Marshall has chosen to retain direct responsibility for a wide range of BA's operations

"We have effectively split the role," he said. "As chairman, I am senior officer of the company and that is what we had intended since last July, when it was announced that Lord King would be stepping down. The responsibilities were always going to be divided in this way but when the Cadbury report came along our board paid a lot of attention to it and that has been recognised in the stronger role given to the deputy chairman. Bob Ayling is going to have the responsibility for the functions of the big battalions in the airline, which means the short to medium-term performance. He will report to me, but I have the responsibility for finance and the longer term."

The elevation to chairman will not mean that Sir Colin becomes less of a "hands on" chief. "I was in my office at 6.35 am today and I don't anticipate changing my ways," he said. "I have always been an early riser."

Now that he has taken on the responsibility for the long-term strategy of the airline, Sir Colin faces some pressing problems both at home and overseas. One of his first jobs will be to appoint a new member to the board. A strong believer in equal opportunities for women, Sir Colin is likely to seek the services of an internationally respected woman. He insists existing board members will remain, although it would hardly be a surprise if younger blood was brought in to replace some of the older "Lord King appointees" such as Lord White and Frank Kennedy.

Other, more fundamental problems are also crowding in. The airline industry is now losing money faster than ever and BA's success in racking up profits year after year against the general trend cannot be guaranteed without further cost cutting. Partnerships with USAir, Qantas, TAT, Air Russia and Deutsche BA must now be made to work and to produce much needed additional revenue.

Mr Branson's attempts to obtain more slots at Heathrow are a function of insufficient capacity at London's premier airport. Forcing the government to face up to this problem and change the way the airport operates so more flight movements are possible, is not going to be easy.

Despite the Treaty of Rome, Europe's state-owned carriers continue to be subsidised by their governments. Britain's privately owned airlines have to fight without any such safety net and persuading Euro-politicians to crack down on the practice will take monumental diplomatic skills.

So too will getting the message through to financially hard-pressed nations that millions of pounds are being lost — and therefore added to passengers fares — in burning extra fuel due to the inadequacies of Europe's air traffic control system.

Sir Colin's character is completely different from that of Lord King, however, and he will tackle these problems with hard, cold logic rather than the previous chairman's sometimes inspired, often angry, spontaneity. He rarely loses his temper but the recent suggestion that he was in line for the top job at American Express caused an explosion of rage. He was equally angry about repeated suggestions that he and Lord King had fallen out over the failure of the proposed deal with United Airlines. "It is all competely untrue," he said. "It is so frustrating and amazing that this rumour lingers on. We have had an outstanding relationship and worked together in a partnership which is enduring, lasting and successful."

His early days in in the North of England have left Sir Colin with an abiding interest in rugby league, especially Wigan, while his move to London made him a staunch follower of Arsenal football club.

Given a rare few days off, he is happy skiing with his wife and daughter, and he regularly plays tennis and squash at a club near his Knightsbridge home. He abhors smoking and rarely drinks, preferring to keep a constant check on everything that happens in the company without losing concentration for a split second. "He is the kind of man who would notice a sparrow fall," one colleague said.

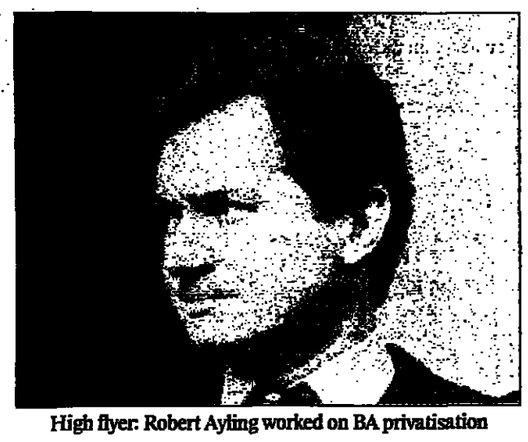
His robotic fitness, which enables him to fly around the world without the slightest sign of jet-lag and cope with a workaholic schedule that takes him to functions almost every night of the week, is going to be called on as never before if BA is really to put the trauma of the last few, earthquaking months behind it.

Rapid rise of the man from the ministry

ROBERT Ayling, 46, the new managing director, has been tipped for a top job at British Airways ever since the surprise departure to Sears of Liam Strong, the previous marketing director, in September 1991 (George Sivell writes).

Under the previously announced plans for Lord King to retire next July, it was envisaged that Mr Ayling would become chief executive. However, his role as managing director will not be that different from his existing job as director of marketing and operations. Yesterday, BA said his task would embrace "maximising British Airways short-to-medium term profitability" and that he would be responsible for running the greater part of the business day-to-day. He will be responsible for marketing, sales, regional management, operations, flight crew, engineering, human resources and information management.

A prominent role in running BA is fitting for the man who was responsible for drafting the bill that paved the way for the eventual privatisation of the airline. Mr Ayling went to King's College School, Wimbledon, and is married with three children. In 1968, he joined Elborne, Mitchell & Co, the specialist aviation, shipping and insurance law firm and became the firm's youngest ever equity partner at the age of 24.



High flyer: Robert Ayling worked on BA privatisation

In 1973, he joined the trade department as a legal adviser on British accession to the European Economic Community. Two years later, he was seconded to British Shipbuilders, with responsibility for negotiating contracts for orders. He was promoted in 1978 to become head of trade department's aviation law branch.

In this position he was responsible for the parliamentary bill that paved the way for the British Airways privatisation. In 1981, after the transfer of the aviation portfolio to the transport department, he was promoted to under-secretary at the trade department, concentrating on European Community, international trade and competition issues. He was recruited by British Airways in 1985, to be responsible for the airline's legal and government affairs.

In 1987, he was appointed company secretary. He led the legal work on the airline's privatisation, which took place in February 1987, and the acquisition of British Caledonian a year later. He was involved in all British Airways' corporate restructuring and was appointed director of human resources in July 1988.

Japanese surplus soars 60%

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IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S gaping current account surplus jumped more than 60 per cent to a record $117.62 billion in calendar 1992, a rise certain to aggravate increasing disputes with US and European trade partners.

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"This sets the stage for dramatic trade confrontation," said Paul Summerville, chief economist at Jardine Fleming Securities.

Japan is under pressure from Washington and Brussels to trim its surpluses, but a sluggish economy is dampening imports, while a strong yen exaggerates the size of exports.

Japanese exports rose to $330.80 billion ($306.56 billion), while imports slipped to $198.20 billion ($203.57 billion). Officials and economists agree the surpluses are unlikely to shrink dramatically in the future.

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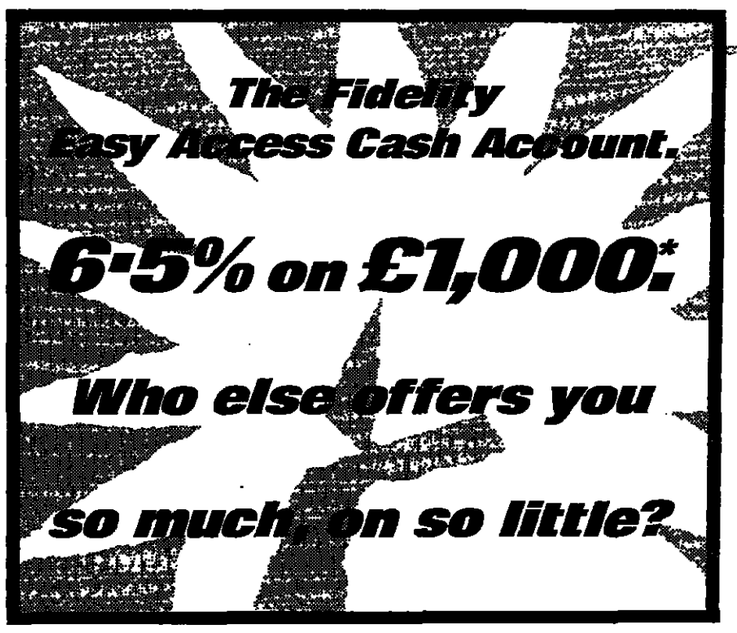
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STOCK MARKET

Hambros rises after court confusion

MARKET-MAKERS were seething with the Stock Exchange last night, after complaining about an ambiguous announcement by **Hambros** bank regarding a crucial court ruling in Norway that sent the share price tumbling.

The price had fallen 58p, to a low of 248p, as news came in that a judgment had been made at the high court in Olso by the state-owned Norwegian Guarantee Institute relating to the affairs of the deceased businessman Hilmar Reksten. Hambros issued a statement claiming the judgment was being considered. The market interpreted this to mean that Hambros had lost the action, which it was estimated could have cost about £200 million.

Half an hour later, a further announcement clarified the situation, saying the court had found in Hambros' favour. The share price responded by clawing back losses to end the session 15p higher at 313p. Fortunately for the market-makers. Hambros remains a thin market and by the close only 1.5 million shares had changed hands. Most dealers said the shares should have been suspended until the position had been clarified. The Stock Exchange refused to comment on whether it was investigating the price movements.

Silvermines, the Dublin engineering and property group, leapt 6p to 37p on the news that Bob Morton had been appointed non-executive chairman. He owns 6 per cent of Silvermines.

The rest of the equity market enjoyed an early mark-up encouraged by a further improvement for the pound on the foreign exchange against its main rivals. But after the strong gains of this week, prices failed to hold their best levels as the profit-takers moved in. The FT-SE 100 index, up almost 18 points at one stage, closed 3 down at 2,862.9, as the first leg of the account drew to a close. The rise on the week is 55.7.

Trading conditions were thin and by the close of business less than 700 million shares had traded.

One of the brightest features of the day was **Croda International**, which jumped 13p to 263p on news that it may have taken a positive step forward in the fight against multiple sclerosis. Croda has made patent applications for a discovery that might lead to the disease being controlled by dietary means.

Kingfisher continued to reflect on Thursday's news that it was in talks with Darty, the French electrical retailer, about a possible link or merger. According to some analysts, it now seems unlikely that that Kingfisher will ever agree terms with Darty and that any offer is likely to be contested. Kingfisher finished 8p lower at 530p.

Cliffords Foods, the soft drinks and convenience foods group, leapt 88p to 508p and the A shares 41p to 225p after announcing it had received a bid approach. Among the names in the frame to make a bid are Unigate, 1p cheaper at 329p, and **Avonmore**, the Irish dairy and meat products group, where the price held steady at 104p. But owing to Clifford's two-tier share structure, any bid would have to be agreed, as the family control most of the voting shares. Analysts are talking of an offer for the ordinary non-voting shares of 230p.

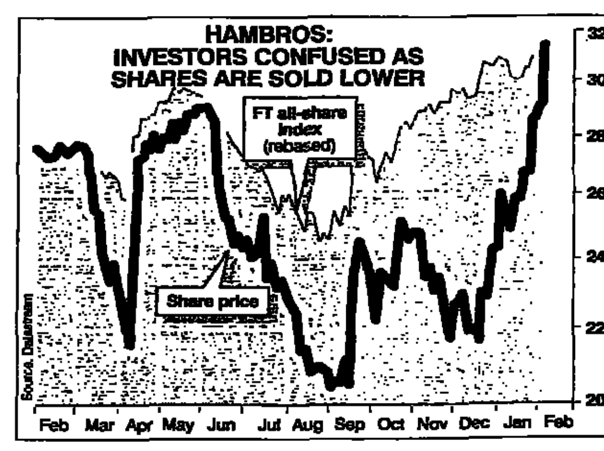
British Airways jumped 6p to 294p, as Lord King confirmed he was stepping down as chairman after 12 years. He will become president of the company and is being replaced as chairman by Sir Colin Marshall. Robert Ayling has been appointed group managing director.

Fisons has found a partner to help develop and market Dopacard, its new heart drug, around the world. It is linking up with Porton Products. Fisons said it had made the move to focus on core areas of its business. The shares rose 6p to 233p.

Airtours has received acceptances of 0.37 per cent for its £237 million bid for **Owners Abroad**, a rival holiday group. The offer has been extended to February 18. Owners Abroad eased 1p to 115p, while Airtours eased 3p to 281p.

The banks turned easier on profit-taking ahead of the dividend reporting season. **Barclays** fell 16p to 429p, worried by claims that the group is considering a rights issue to strengthen its balance sheet. Warburg also turned seller of the shares. There were also losses for **Abbey National**, 10p to 367p, **HSBC**, 7p to 569p, **Lloyds**, 11p to 537p, **National Westminster**, 12p to 448p, and **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 4p to 235p.

MICHAEL CLARK



BRITISH FUNDS

THE bond market spent a cautious day continuing to keep a close eye on sterling. Prices closed below their best in the wake of disappointing employment figures from America and the pound's failure to rally above DM2.40.

On the futures market, the March series of the Long Gilt spent a volatile session giving up an early lead before rallying to close off the bottom. It ended the day only one tick higher at £101[19]/32.

The instability in the bond market deterred the Bank of England from issuing any further tranches of stock as part of the government's funding requirement.

Dealers reported selective support at the shorter end with Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 eight ticks better at £111[29]/32, while in longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was four ticks up at £102[15]/16.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104	100	Treas 12½% 1993	102	-	12.14	5.61
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	5.99	5.51
107	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	106	-	12.94	5.48
102	96	Treas 8¼% 1994	102	...	8.26	5.43
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	109 †	...	13.27	5.45
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	109	...	12.35	5.54
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	105	-	9.47	5.56
110	103	Exch 12½% 1994	110 †	-	11.36	5.64
105	96	Treas 9% 1994	105	-	8.53	5.65
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	111	-	10.78	5.80
96	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	96		3.11	4.52
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	109	-	9.35	5.92
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	116	...	10.92	6.04
120	109	Treas 14% 1996	120	-	11.63	6.28
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	125	-	12.17	6.41
120	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	119	-	11.06	6.41
111	98	Conv 10% 1996	111	...	8.99	6.56
122	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	122	+	10.83	6.69
113	100	Exch 10½% 1997	113 †	-	9.28	6.68
108	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	-	8.12	6.71
132	117	Exch 15% 1997	131	+	11.38	6.94
112	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	...	8.72	6.87
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
102	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	+	7.14	6.70
100	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	-	6.75	6.73
137	123	Treas 15½% 1998	137	+	11.29	7.29
121	107	Exch 12% 1998	121	...	9.90	7.38
111	97	Treas 9½% 1999	110	...	8.57	7.19
123	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	122	...	9.98	7.52
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	115	+	9.08	7.33
115	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	114	+	8.92	7.40
109	94	Conv 9% 2000	108 †	-	8.29	7.39
128	114	Treas 13% 2000	128	+	10.13	7.88
113	99	Treas 10% 2001	112	-	8.88	7.84
128	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	+	10.90	7.38
111	98	Treas 9¾% 2002	111 †	-	8.78	8.05
25	21	Treas 8% 2003	25	-	8.00	7.98
113	100	Treas 10% 2003	112	-	8.90	8.21

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
120	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	119	-	9.63	8.16
70	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70	+	4.95	7.31
109	96	Conv 9½% 2004	108	-	8.77	8.36
109	96	Conv 9½% 2005	108	-	8.78	9.39
128	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	-	9.85	8.56
97	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	-	8.23	8.35
122	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121	-	9.71	8.16
100	89	Treas 8½% 2007	100	-	8.50	8.49
135	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133	-	10.10	8.66
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
104	93	Treas 9% 2008	103	-	8.66	8.53
95	85	Treas 8% 2009	94	-	8.44	8.58
103	93	Conv 9% 2011	102	-	8.75	8.67
103	93	Treas 9% 2012	102	-	8.76	8.69
72	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	72 †	-	7.63	8.42
92	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91	-	8.44	8.57
130	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	128	-	9.31	8.90
101	91	Treas 8¾% 2017	99 †	-	8.94	8.78
		UNDATED				
45	39	Consols 4%	45	+	8.81	...
40	35	War Ln 3½%	39	+	8.79	...
63	59	Conv 3½%	62	+	5.62	...
29	24	Consols 2½%	29	+	8.37	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	28	-	8.77	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	133	+	...	0.90
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	197	+	1.60	2.30
108	100	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	...	2.33	2.88
163	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	163	+	2.90	3.24
159	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	159	+	3.07	3.34
109	101	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108	+	3.20	3.47
163	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	163	+	3.29	3.51
147	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	147	+	3.47	3.66
152	129	Treas IL 2½% 2011	152 †	+	3.52	3.69
126	106	Treas IL 2½% 2013	125 †	+	3.57	3.73
133	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	133	+	3.61	3.77
128	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	127	+	3.66	3.80
106	88	Treas IL 2⅜% 2024	105	-	3.69	3.81
107	91	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	106	+	3.70	3.83

WORLD MARKETS

Rate cuts lift Dax by 2.5%

Frankfurt — Shares reacted to Thursday's interest rate cuts and public sector pay deal by leaping to their highest levels in more than six months. The Dax index jumped 2.5 per cent, or 39.76 points, to 1,641.37, its biggest one-day gain since the Bundesbank cut rates in mid-September.

The advance came amid heavy turnover, at least early on in the session. But some dealers doubts that the bourse could keep up the momentum.

☐ **Tokyo** — The Nikkei index advanced 142.27 points to 17,332.90.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index eased 30.80 points to close at 5,747.21.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index fell 8.44 points to 1,618.64.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Hambros	313p (+15p)
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Silentnight	280p (+10p)
Unidare	310p (+20p)
Mountview	825p (+50p)
Leeds	605p (+10p)

FALLS:

Abbey Ntl	367p (-10p)
Barclays	429p (-16p)
Lloyds	537p (-11p)
Standard Chart	633p (-10p)
Smithkline	456p (-13p)
JW Spear	300p (-10p)
Transfer Tech	430p (-29p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Intl Food Machinery (51)	63	...
Mauritius Fund (£10½)	£10½	...
Prime People Warrants	1½	...
Scottish Asian Warrants	245	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

ASDA n/p (53)	7	-½
Burton n/p (60)	13½	+1
Property Trust p/p (25)	18	...
Stakis n/p (32)	12	...
Wessex Water N/P (480)	98pm	+6

THE SUNDAY TIMES

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WALL STREET

Buyers push Dow to peak

New York — US blue chips touched new highs as investors ignored advice to take profits and instead pumped cash into cyclical stocks likely to take advantage of an accelerating economy.

By midday, the Dow Jones industrial average had soared 22.97 at 3,439.71, after touching 3,442. Analysts were optimistic after the unemployment rate report for January, which fell to 7.1 per cent from 7.3 per cent in December, with the addition of 106,000 non-farm jobs.

(Reuter)

	Feb 5 midday	Feb 4 close
AMP Inc	58	57
AMR Corp	64	64
Abbott Labs	27	27
Aetna Life	52	53
Ahmanson (HF)	21	20
Air Prod & Chem	47	46
Albertson's	49	50
Alcan Alumnm	19	19
Alco Standard	42	42
Allied Signal	65	65
Alum Co of Am	78	76
Amax	19	19
Amerada Hess	50	50
Amer Brands	37	38
Amer Cyanamid	53	53
Amer El Power	34	34
Amer Express	25	24
Amer Genl Corp	59	60
Amer Home Pr	63	62
Amer Intl	126	127
Amer Stores	42	42
Amer T & T	53	53
Ameritech	73	73
Amoco	53	53
Anheuser-Busch	58	58
Apple Computer	57	59
Archer Daniels	26	26
Arkla	8	8
Armco	8	8
Armstrng Wrld	34	33
Asarco	28	28
Ashland Oil	27	27
Atl Richfield	117	117
Auto Data Pro	55	55
Avery Dennison	27	27
Avon Products	59	59
Baker Hughes	22	21
Baltim Gas & El	24	25
Banc One	53	53
BankAmerica	53	53
Bank of NY	56	57
Bankers Tr NY	69	69
Barnett Banks	44	44
Bausch & Lomb	57	56
Baxter Intl	31	31
Bectn Dicknsn	79	79
Bell Atlantic	53	53
BellSouth	52	53
Black & Decker	18	18
Block (H&R)	40	40
Boeing	35	34
Boise Cascade	25	24
Borden Inc	26	27
Bristol Myrs Sq	58	58
Browning Ferris	28	28
Burlington Nthn	49	49
CBS	198	196
CNA Financial	99	100
CPC Intl	47	45
CSX	78	79
Campbell Soup	41	41
Can Pacific	13	13
Cptl Cities ABC	510	499
Cptl Holdings	80	79
Carolina Pwr	30	30
Caterpillar	59	59
Central & SW	30	30
Champion Intl	32	31
Chase Manhat	31	31
Chemical Bk	42	42
Chevron Corp	75	74
Chrysler	40	39
Chubb Corp	95	95
Cigna Corp	66	67
Citicorp	26	26
Clorox	44	44
Coastal Corp	24	24
Coca Cola	40	41
Colgate-Palmolive	59	60
Columbia Gas	21	21
Commonw Ed	25	26
Compaq Comp	49	49
Comp Ass Inc	24	24
Conagra	28	29
Cons Edison	34	35
Cons Nat Gas	47	47
Cons Rail	57	58
Cooper Inds	51	50
Corning Inc	36	36
Crown Cork	39	39
Dana Corp	48	48
Dayton Hudson	83	83
Deere	48	47
Delta Air Lines	52	52
Deluxe Corp	43	43
Detroit Edison	35	35
Digital Equip	42	43
Dillard Dept St	50	50
Disney (Walt)	47	47
Dominion Res	41	41
Donnelley (RR)	28	29
Dover Corp	46	46
Dow Chemicals	57	55
Dow Jones	29	29
Dresser	19	19
Duke Power	37	37
Dun & Brdstreet	58	59
Du Pont	49	47
Eastman Kodak	50	50
Eaton Corp	81	80

	Feb 5 midday	Feb 4 close
Emerson Elec	57	56
Engelhard Corp	39	40
Enron Corp	54	54
Enserch Corp	35	36
Ethyl Corp	28	28
Exxon	61	62
FMC Corp	47	47
FPL Group	37	38
Federal Express	59	60
Fed Nat Mtge	83	82
First Chicago	44	44
First Interstate	53	51
First Union Rlty	11	10
Fleet Fnl Grp	34	34
Fluor Corp	43	43
Ford Motor	50	50
GTE Corp	35	35
Gannett	54	54
Gap Inc Del	36	36
Gen Cinema	37	37
Gen Dynamics	116	116
Gen Electric	87	86
Gen Mills	66	67
Gen Motors	38	37
Gen Reinsurance	126	130
Gen Signal	65	64
Genuine Parts	37	36
Georgia Pac	66	66
Gillette	55	56
Glaxo ADR	18	18
Goodrich (BF)	52	51
Goodyear Tire	74	73
Grace (W&R)	40	39
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23	23
Great Wstn Fin	19	19
Halliburton	31	30
Heinz (HJ)	42	42
Hercules	69	68
Hershey Foods	50	50
Hewlett Packard	69	69
Hilton Hotels	52	53
Home Depot	65	66
Homestake	10	11
Honeywell	33	33
Household Intl	67	66
Houston Inds	48	48
Humana	21	21
ITT Corp	74	75
Illinois Tool	73	75
INCO	23	22
Ingersoll Rand	35	36
Inland Steel	23	23
Intel Corp	108	109
IBM	52	51
Intl Flav & Fr	109	110
Intl Paper	69	68
James River Va	17	17
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	45	45
K Mart	24	24
Kellogg	62	63
Kerr-McGee	46	46
Kimberly-Clark	60	60
Knight-Ridder	64	64
Lilly (Eli)	55	56
Limited Inc	29	29
LIN Brdcstng	80	81
Lincoln Natl	77	76
Litton	50	50
Liz Claiborne	42	41
Lockheed Corp	60	61
Louisiana Pac	75	72
MCI Commun	40	41
Marriott	24	24
Marsh & McLnn	94	96
Martin Marietta	70	70
Masco Corp	34	34
May Dept St	75	75
Maytag Corp	15	15
McCaw Cellular	34	34
McDonalds	51	51
McDonnell D	54	55
McGraw Hill	62	62
Mead Corp	42	41
Medtronic	89	90
Mellon Bk	57	57
Melville Corp	51	52
Merck Inc	37	38
Merrill Lynch	69	71
Minnesota Mine	108	105
Mobil Corp	64	65
Monsanto	56	54
Morgan (JP)	62	61
Motorola Inc	55	55
Natl Medical	10	10
Natl Semi	10	10
Natl Service Ind	27	27
Navistar Int	2	3
NBD Bancorp	34	35
NY Times A	29	29
Newmont Mng	38	39
Niag Mohawk	20	20
Nike B	87	87
NL Industries	4	4
Nordstrom	42	43
Norfolk Sthrn	66	65
Nthn State Pwr	45	45
Norwest Corp	46	46
Nynex Corp	85	85
Occidental Pet	19	18
Ohio Edison	23	23

	Feb 5 midday	Feb 4 close
Oracle Systems	32	32
Oryx Energy Co	20	20
PNC Financial	31	31
PPG Industries	67	66
Paccar Inc	66	64
Pacificorp	20	20
Pac Enterprises	19	19
Pac Gas & Elec	33	34
Pac Telesis	46	46
Pall Corp	20	20
Panhandle East	20	20
Paramnt Commn	47	47
Parker Hannifin	33	33
Penney (JC)	78	78
Pennzoil	54	54
Pepsico	40	41
Pfizer	63	64
Phelps Dodge	55	54
Philadel Elec	28	28
Philip Morris	74	75
Phillips Pet	27	27
Pitney Bowes	40	40
Polaroid	30	29
Price Co	37	37
Primerica	58	58
Procter & Gmbl	51	50
Pub Serv E & G	32	32
Quaker Oats	64	64
Ralston Purina	49	49
Raychem Corp	41	41
Raytheon	53	53
Reebok Intl	37	37
Reynolds Metals	58	56
Roadway Srvcs	71	71
Rockwell Intl	29	30
Rohm & Haas	59	58
Royal Dutch	83	82
Rubbermaid	33	32
Safeco Corp	64	64
St Paul's Cos	82	82
Salomon Inc	40	39
Santa Fe S Pac	14	15
Sara Lee Corp	29	29
Secorp	46	46
Schering Plough	58	58
Schlumberger	60	59
Scott Paper	40	40
Seagram	26	26
Sears Roebuck	51	51
Shell Trans	51	51
Sherwin Wllms	32	32
Skyline Corp	22	22
Snap-On-Tools	34	34
Southern Co	39	40
Sthwestern Bell	70	70
Sprint Corp	28	28
Stanley Works	42	42
Sun Company	29	29
Suntrust	44	44
Supervalu	34	34
Syntex Corp	20	19
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	55	54
Tandem Comp	14	14
Tandy Corp	28	27
Telecom Corp	2	2
Teledyne	19	19
Temple Inland	51	51
Tenneco	44	45
Texaco	61	61
Texas Inst	54	55
Texas Utilities	44	44
Textron	44	44
Time Warner	35	35
Times-Mirror	32	32
Timken	29	29
Torchmark	62	62
Toys R Us	40	40
Transamerica	50	50
Travelers Corp	29	29
Tribune	54	54
Tyco Labs	47	47
UAL Corp	126	126
UST Inc	31	32
USX Marathon	19	18
Unilever NV	105	105
Union Camp	48	47
Union Carbide	17	17
Union Pacific	62	61
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	15	15
USF&G Corp	14	14
US Life	42	42
US West	40	40
United Tech	49	49
Unocal Corp	26	26
Upjohn	29	29
VF Corp	55	56
Wal-Mart Stores	66	66
Warner-Lambert	65	65
Waste Mgmnt Inc	37	37
Wells Fargo	96	94
Westinghouse El	14	13
Weyerhaeuser	42	42
Whirlpool	49	48
Whitman	14	14
Winn Dixie	75	76
Woolworth	29	29
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	30	30
Xerox	86	85

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS. 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	371.60	393.30	+9.80	...
Series Equity	472.50	500.10	+7.40	...
Series Prop Fd	388.40	411.10	-0.20	...
Series Fixed Int	303.10	320.80	+7.70	...
Series Money Fd	236.10	249.90	+0.20	...
Series Oseas Fd	261.00	276.20	+14.90	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD. 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	16.91	17.80	+0.01	...
Bear	17.67	18.60	+0.18	...
Owl	17.34	18.26	+0.31	...
Bull	15.69	16.52	+0.42	...
Stag	16.28	17.14	+0.49	...
Gilt Edged	17.38	17.38	-0.10	...
Deposit	14.95	14.95	+0.02	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	22.41	23.59	+0.02	...
Bear	23.25	24.48	+0.30	...
Owl	22.72	23.92	+0.45	...
Bull	19.49	20.52	+0.63	...
Stag	19.58	20.62	+0.70	...
Gilt Edged	21.13	21.13	+0.13	...
Deposit	18.84	18.84	+0.02	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	494.36	494.37	+12.42	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	295.83	311.41	+7.19	...
N Amer Equity	289.78	305.04	+15.17	...
Far East Equity	325.42	342.55	+16.87	...
Fixed	271.40	285.69	-1.61	...
Cash Deposit	191.87	201.97	+0.16	...
Property	96.27	101.34	+7.95	...
Special Opp	288.42	303.61	+4.24	...
Managed	260.56	274.28	+6.93	...
Index-Linked Fd	179.33	188.77	+0.45	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	250.50	263.70	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	441.00	464.30	+0.70	...
Equity Fd Inc	153.40	161.50	+2.40	...
-do- Acc	193.90	204.20	+3.10	...
Selective Fd	427.50	450.10	+3.30	...
Money Fd	350.60	369.10	-0.40	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	344.50	362.70	-0.50	...
Equity Ser 4	190.90	201.00	-2.10	...
Man Ser 4	565.00	594.80	+10.20	...
Conv Ser 4	307.90	324.20	-0.30	...
Money Ser 4	307.70	323.90	-0.30	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	314.40	331.00	-0.60	...
American Ser 4	497.70	523.90	+26.80	...
High Inc Ser 4	579.50	610.00	-13.20	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	191.50	201.60	-0.60	...
Japan Ser 4	276.30	290.90	+7.20	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ. 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1368.0	1439.9	+17.90	...
European Fd Acc	301.30	317.10	+7.90	...
Fixed Int Acc	479.30	504.50	-0.60	...
Gtd Money Acc	314.70	331.20	+0.30	...
Intl Managed Acc	502.30	528.70	+17.30	...
Intl Fxd Int Acc	313.50	330.00	+6.00	...
Japan Fund	228.90	240.90	-9.80	...
N American Acc	312.80	329.30	+16.20	...
Prop Fd Acc	369.00	388.40	-0.40	...
Multiple Inv Acc	911.40	959.30	-16.80	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	350.30	368.80	-0.20	...
Equity Acc	1206.9	1270.5	-33.30	...
Property Acc	463.10	487.50	-0.90	...
Far East Acc	231.00	243.20	-7.00	...
Managed Capital	471.50	496.40	-10.30	...
-do- Acc	929.20	978.20	+22.30	...
Overseas Acc	831.31	875.00	+23.30	...
Gilt Edged Acc	428.00	450.60	-0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	724.90	763.10	+29.70	...
Amer Man Acc	312.30	328.80	+12.00	...
Amer Prop Acc	120.70	127.10	+0.90	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	134.70	141.70	-0.20	...
Balced Ser 5	611.30	643.40	+10.10	...
Opportunity Ser 5	134.40	141.40	-6.30	...
UK Equities Ser 5	834.90	878.80	+12.10	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	860.20	905.40	+15.20	...
North Amer Ser 5	462.60	486.90	-25.80	...
Far East Ser 5	419.70	441.70	-16.20	...
Europe Ser 5	294.00	309.40	+8.60	...
Intnl Ser 5	495.90	521.80	+19.30	...
Property Ser 5	470.80	495.50	...	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	381.00	401.00	+1.10	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	167.20	175.90	+0.50	...
Gtced Dep Ser 5	278.00	292.60	+0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB. 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	722.80	760.90	-14.10	...
-do- Initial	509.20	536.10	-10.00	...
Gilt Edged Acc	353.10	371.70	-2.60	...
-do- Initial	250.90	264.20	-1.90	...
International Acc	334.50	352.20	+12.70	...
-do- Initial	236.30	248.70	+8.90	...
Managed Acc	450.30	474.10	+9.50	...
-do- Initial	318.50	335.30	+6.70	...
Money Acc	274.00	288.50	+0.20	...
Property Acc	252.30	265.60	-0.40	...
-do- Initial	177.20	186.60	-0.10	...
America Acc	272.50	286.90	+16.50	...
Australia Acc	164.10	172.80	+7.40	...
Financial Acc	256.30	269.80	+11.00	...
500 Accum	372.40	392.10	+9.20	...
Japan Genl Acc	277.10	291.70	+12.60	...
Income Acc	444.60	468.00	+12.90	...
Leisure Acc	192.30	202.50	+2.60	...
Special Sits Acc	188.10	198.00	+5.30	...
Univ Tech Acc	123.70	130.30	+5.10	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	691.66	691.66	+11.93	...
Income Fund	661.98	696.83	+12.87	...
Extra Income	608.42	640.45	+11.90	...
Worldwide Gth	426.86	449.33	+17.55	...
Balanced Fund	582.15	612.79	+8.39	...
Smllr Cos Recov	579.53	610.04	+10.15	...
N Amer & Genrl	371.75	391.32	+19.94	...
Pacific Basin	321.89	338.84	+7.32	...
German Growth	186.50	196.32	+6.19	...
Japan Growth	127.23	133.93	+6.63	...
The UK Gth Fd	186.71	196.54	+2.80	...
Contl Euro Gth	102.45	107.85	+3.52	...
Property Fund	338.93	356.77	+0.29	...
Fixed Interest	286.97	302.08	+1.85	...
Cash Fund	267.11	281.17	+0.22	...
Managed Inv	425.09	447.47	+7.64	...
Nth Amer Recov	244.91	257.80	+13.80	...
Altrust Fund				
Managed Grth	380.15	400.16	-14.99	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire. 0475 868000				
Measured Perf	136.10	144.00	+4.20	...
Performance Plus	133.10	140.80	+5.10	...
With Profit Perf	156.00	165.10	+0.30	...
UK Opportunity	158.40	167.60	+4.00	...
Euro Opportunity	164.70	174.30	+3.80	...
North Amer Opp	138.30	146.30	+9.60	...
Far East Opp	139.40	147.50	+6.30	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	150.90	158.80	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	148.00	156.60	-0.10	...
Fixed Int	161.40	170.80	+1.90	...
Cash	147.40	156.00	+0.10	...
Overseas	156.20	165.30	+7.60	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA. 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£241.00	...	...	...
Managed	274.90	289.40	+6.30	...
Property	191.00	201.10	-0.30	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	215.70	227.10	-3.90	...
Index-Linked	174.80	184.10	-0.10	...
Equity	302.50	318.40	+5.80	...
Cash	206.30	217.20	-0.10	...
CLife Euro Mgd	291.10	306.50	+6.30	...
CLife Intl Fd	296.90	312.60	-12.00	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£116.80	...	-2.80	...
Property Units	£25.03	...	-0.04	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£58.01	£61.39	-1.86	...
2nd Equity Acc	565.60	598.50	+13.00	...
2nd High Inc Ac	538.40	569.70	+13.50	...
2nd Property Acc	230.20	243.60	-0.40	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	166.40	176.10	+3.50	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	407.90	431.60	+12.40	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	197.70	209.20	+7.20	...
2nd Deposit Acc	265.10	280.50	+0.40	...
2nd Gilt Acc	269.60	285.30	+0.70	...
2nd Amer Acc	649.80	687.60	+40.80	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	251.80	266.50	+7.90	...
2nd Index Acc	177.40	187.70	+0.70	...
2nd Far East Acc	340.00	359.80	-13.20	...
2nd Global Acc	162.40	171.90	+9.90	...
2nd Euro Acc	126.30	133.70	+4.00	...
2nd Japan Acc	164.00	173.50	+7.30	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.60	72.60	+0.20	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Ac	151.60	160.40	+4.80	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	111.70	118.20	+2.40	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	183.20	192.90	...	...
Managed Fund	532.20	560.30	+7.10	...
Equity Fund	301.20	317.10	+5.40	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	241.20	253.90	+5.80	...
Ruby	130.90	137.80	+5.20	...
Emerald	130.20	137.10	+0.50	...
Equity	283.30	298.30	+4.80	...
Property	176.80	186.20	...	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	186.20	196.00	+1.00	...
Indexed Secs	151.50	159.50	+0.60	...
Cash	176.10	185.40	+0.20	...
Nth American	209.40	220.50	+10.40	...
Far East	221.80	233.30	+8.40	...
International	183.80	193.50	+7.20	...
Special Sits	250.90	264.20	+8.10	...
Intl Income	249.20	262.40	+6.40	...
American Inc	175.60	184.90	+8.90	...
European	238.20	250.80	+6.10	...
Japanese	108.40	114.20	+5.50	...
Sth Asia	251.80	265.10	+8.60	...
With Profits Reg	143.60	151.20	+0.20	...
-do- Spec	143.60	151.20	+0.30	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	262.20	276.00	+7.10	...
Equity	320.90	337.80	+7.00	...
Property	171.00	180.00	+0.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	221.40	233.10	+1.20	...
Index Linked	160.10	168.60	+1.70	...
Cash	228.50	240.60	+0.30	...
Nth American	255.00	268.50	+15.20	...
Far East Acc	227.30	239.30	+10.50	...
International Acc	233.30	245.60	+9.80	...
Special Sits	377.10	397.00	+17.20	...
European Flex	311.50	327.90	+9.50	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD. 071 248 9861				
(Units) Key	£191.29			
-do- Pacemaker	£261.05		...	
-do- Cash	193.54	203.73	+0.15	
-do- Equity	443.24	466.57	+6.62	
-do- Fxd Int	327.11	344.33	+3.70	
-do- Managed	325.00	342.11	+4.39	
-do- Property	209.60	220.63	+6.32	
(Pens) Cash Cap	204.24	215.00	+0.09	
-do- Cash Inv	280.42	295.19	+0.33	
-do- Equity Cap	1243.6	1309.0	+24.99	
-do- Equity Inv	1707.4	1797.3	+35.49	

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
-do- Fixed Cap	363.85	383.01	+5.08	...
-do- Fixed Inv	499.55	525.85	+7.32	...
-do- Index Cap	193.12	203.29	+1.58	...
-do- Index Inv	265.15	279.11	+2.36	...
Mngd Cap	502.74	529.21	+10.34	...
Mngd Inv	690.25	726.59	+14.67	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	1588.75	...	+13.57	...
Var Ann (5)	383.61	...	+1.50	...
Prime: Managed	340.30	358.30	+8.60	...
Prime: UK Equity	407.90	429.40	+8.00	...
Prime: Int Equity	253.70	267.10	+12.20	...
Prime: Property	187.10	197.00	+2.20	...
Prime Fxd Int	220.60	232.30	+1.30	...
Prime Index-Lnk	156.00	164.30	+0.90	...
Prime: Cash	193.30	203.50	+0.30	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN. 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	939.70	989.10	...	...
Equity Fund	1346.5	1417.3	...	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW. 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	513.90	540.90	+10.50	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	332.10	349.50	+3.70	...
Life Equity Acc	703.50	740.50	+11.40	...
Life Money Acc	283.30	298.20	+0.30	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	642.20	676.00	+33.30	...
Life Intl Acc	435.10	457.90	+20.30	...
Life High Inc Acc	659.90	694.60	+13.70	...
Life Property Acc	222.70	234.40	+0.20	...
Crown Brit Inv A	997.50	1095.1	...	...
Brewin Equity	625.36	658.50	+15.40	...
DBS Managed	234.40	246.70	+6.40	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	164.90	173.60	+0.20	...
Blue Chip Fund	214.80	226.20	+5.90	...
-do- Series 2	137.30	144.60	+3.90	...
Adventurous Fd	175.30	184.60	+10.50	...
-do- Series 2	131.10	138.00	+7.90	...
Performance Fd	217.30	228.80	+9.60	...
-do- Series 2	139.80	147.20	+6.20	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	135.30	142.50	-0.40	...
UK Equity Fund	136.70	143.90	+2.30	...
Property Fund	104.00	109.50	...	...
Envrnmntl Opps	138.20	145.50	+2.40	...
Euro Fund	136.80	144.00	+3.80	...
North Amer Fd	187.90	197.80	+10.90	...
Oriental Ops	142.30	149.80	+5.90	...
Japanese Fund	94.50	99.50	+4.50	...
Bd & West Life	111.70	117.60	+0.20	...
Bd & West Pen	122.60	129.10	+0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	243.10	251.90	+5.50	3.63
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH. 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixed)	262.80	276.70	+5.60	...
UK Equity	353.00	371.60	+5.40	...
Stewardship	301.40	317.30	+8.10	...
Overseas Equity	231.20	243.40	+11.30	...
North American	140.10	147.50	+10.20	...
Pacific Basin	116.70	122.90	+5.90	...
European	161.60	170.20	+6.20	...
Property	187.50	197.40	+0.90	...
Fixed Interest	202.00	212.70	+0.70	...
Index Linked	149.40	157.30	+1.00	...
Cash	187.30	197.20	+0.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575				
GT Plan Far East	259.10	272.80	+15.30	...
GT Plan Wwide	400.40	421.50	+22.40	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	177.60	186.90	+5.70	...
Unitised Profit	118.50	124.60	-0.20	...
UK Equity	240.70	253.30	+4.30	...
Fixed Int	175.60	184.80	-0.70	...
Index-Linked	150.70	158.50	-0.90	...
Cash Deposit	165.10	173.70	-0.10	...
Property	160.90	169.20	-0.10	...
International	159.50	167.80	+4.40	...
American	152.80	160.70	+10.30	...
Japan	190.40	200.60	+7.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	186.80	196.50	+7.30	...
European	152.50	160.50	+2.70	...
Pacific Fund	207.90	218.80	+10.50	...
Conv Life	131.20	138.00	+1.50	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen. Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	625.80	625.80	+14.70	...
-do- Int A	625.70	658.70	+15.40	...
UK Equity	363.00	382.20	+7.00	...
Gilt Plus	192.00	202.20	+0.50	...
Managed	272.20	286.70	+6.80	...
Inter Man	245.20	259.20	+6.30	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth. 0202 752800				
Managed Bond	628.50	662.30	-14.80	...
Money Fund	298.40	314.10	-0.20	...
Equity Fund	556.80	586.70	+15.50	...
Fixed Interest	254.40	269.10	-2.30	...
Property Fund	329.60	347.30	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Genl	529.30	557.70	-35.70	...
Income	640.20	674.60	+16.60	...
International Gth	533.60	562.30	+19.80	...
Capital Fund	550.40	590.00	-7.40	...
Recovery Fund	547.60	577.00	+22.90	...
Japan & General	215.70	227.30	-9.80	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	632.50	658.80	...	...
Managed Initial	409.80	431.30	+14.10	...
-do- Acc	560.80	590.30	+19.60	...

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Equity Initial	602.00	633.70	+18.30	...
-do- Acc	823.90	867.30	+25.40	...
Fixed Int Initial	405.00	426.40	-12.00	...
-do- Acc	554.30	583.50	-16.70	...
Intl Initial	396.30	417.10	+17.40	...
-do- Acc	542.30	570.90	+24.10	...
Nth Amer Initial	179.10	188.40	+7.70	...
-do- Acc	223.00	234.70	+9.70	...
Pacific Initial	191.00	201.10	+6.80	...
-do- Acc	235.70	248.10	+8.50	...
Property Initial	150.00	157.80	...	...
-do- Acc	205.10	215.90	...	...
Index-Lnkd Intl	149.20	157.10	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	185.80	195.60	+0.40	...
Deposit Initial	192.20	202.30	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	263.00	276.90	+0.30	...
Euro Initial	81.70	85.90	+2.60	...
-do- Acc	94.00	98.90	+3.10	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	142.90	150.40	+2.80	...
-do- Pens	168.50	177.30	+4.10	...
UK Equity	139.50	146.80	+2.50	...
-do- Pens	151.90	159.80	+3.40	...
International	125.00	131.50	+5.20	...
-do- Pens	133.80	140.80	+6.60	...
Deposit	132.50	139.40	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	153.30	161.30	+0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	345.30	367.40	+6.20	...
North America	343.00	364.90	+19.60	...
Far East Fund	447.10	475.70	+21.00	...
Global Managed	395.20	420.50	+13.10	...
Deposit Fund	215.90	227.30	+0.20	...
Prime Residential	125.20	131.80	...	...
European Fund	210.80	224.30	+5.50	...
Fixed Interest	68.10	72.50	+0.40	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	439.50	465.10	+6.80	...
British Fund	450.80	477.10	+6.40	...
International	441.60	467.40	+17.10	...
Dollar Fund	346.50	366.70	+20.20	...
Capital Fund	405.60	429.30	+10.00	...
Income Fund	595.80	630.50	+15.10	...
Property Series A	378.30	400.40	...	...
Property Units	611.90	642.90	...	...
Financial Fund	447.50	473.60	+12.60	...
Managed Ser A	467.50	494.80	+5.20	...
-do- C	272.70	288.60	+3.30	...
Managed Units	834.00	877.90	+9.30	...
High Yield Fund	560.60	593.30	+17.10	...
Money Series A	270.90	286.70	+0.20	...
Money Units	356.40	375.20	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	533.30	564.40	+13.10	...
Fixed Interest	335.10	354.70	+2.10	...
Indexed Secs	164.90	174.50	+0.90	...
European Fund	607.20	642.60	+22.20	...
Natural Res	228.30	241.60	+12.10	...
Far East Fund	458.80	485.60	+17.30	...
Smaller Cos	393.00	415.90	+9.10	...
Special Sits	375.60	397.50	+4.40	...
Man Currency	251.10	265.80	+2.30	...
Japanese Tech	201.70	213.50	+8.30	...
US Smaller Cos	226.70	239.90	+13.80	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	477.60	502.70	+9.80	...
Global Property	260.80	274.50	-0.30	...
Global Fixed Int	457.90	482.00	+1.10	...
Global Equity	510.80	537.70	+9.60	...
Global Cash	200.50	211.00	...	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ. 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	440.80	464.00	+2.20	...
Property	409.50	431.10	+0.20	...
Managed	362.90	382.00	+8.80	...
American	386.60	407.00	+25.80	...
UK Equity Fd	400.90	422.00	+8.60	...
Japan	157.90	166.20	+7.50	...
Index-Lkd	172.20	181.30	+0.40	...
High Yield	732.70	771.90	+18.80	...
Growth Cap	394.10	414.80	-2.20	...
Money	377.90	397.80	+0.40	...
International	322.70	339.70	+14.40	...
Henderson Active	184.60	194.30	+6.90	...
Perpetual Active	265.60	279.60	+10.30	...
Growth Cap	394.10	414.80	-2.20	...
-do- Acc	562.30	591.90	+14.00	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN5 1SE. 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Intl	134.70	141.80	...	...
-do- Acc	175.30	184.60	-0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	123.70	130.30	+1.50	...
-do- Acc	145.30	153.00	+2.10	...
Cash Initial	166.10	174.90	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	270.50	284.80	...	...
Equity Initial	581.50	612.20	+10.50	...
-do- Acc	947.30	997.20	+19.40	...
Fixed Initial	331.30	348.80	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	539.70	568.20	+2.70	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	127.90	134.70	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	177.80	187.20	+0.60	...
Intl Initial	297.20	312.90	+12.50	...
-do- Acc	476.60	501.70	+21.10	...
Managed Initial	424.70	447.10	+9.30	...
-do- Acc	691.90	728.30	+16.90	...
Property Initial	181.90	191.50	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	296.30	311.90	-0.10	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH5 5EB. 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	307.80	324.00	-6.90	...
UK Equity	519.50	546.90	-8.40	...
Property	273.10	287.50	-0.40	...
Money Market	238.20	250.80	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	286.00	301.10	-0.90	...
Japan	305.20	321.30	+11.60	...
North America	161.60	170.20	+8.00	...
International	253.60	267.00	+9.30	...

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European	230.30	242.50	+6.00	...
Far East	99.90	105.20	+3.90	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA. 0272 279179				
Equity	£700.10	...	+13.10	...
Fixed Interest	£367.30	...	-3.50	...
Property	£354.10	...	-8.10	...
Deposit	£274.00	...	...	...
Mixed	£513.00	...	+9.50	...
Indexed Stock	£194.40	...	+1.80	...
International	£242.50	...	+11.80	...
Equity A	£183.90	...	+3.00	...
Fixed Int A	£163.40	...	+1.50	...
Property A	£156.10	...	-3.50	...
Deposit A	£161.50	...	+0.20	...
Mixed A	£169.10	...	+2.90	...
Index Stock A	£152.60	...	+1.30	...
International A	£151.90	...	+7.40	...
Equity P	£635.30	...	+14.00	...
Fixed Int P	£469.00	...	+2.90	...
Property P	£279.80	...	-7.10	...
Deposit P	£315.50	...	+0.30	...
Mixed P	£459.50	...	+11.60	...
Index Stock P	£222.90	...	+2.60	...
International P	£264.90	...	+14.50	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap	£513.10	...	+21.70	...
-do- Acc	£791.20	...	-34.10	...
Property Cap	£158.00	...	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	£236.70	...	...	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£192.00	...	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	£287.70	...	+1.50	...
Equity Cap	£296.80	...	+3.50	...
-do- Acc	£449.20	...	-5.60	...
Internatl Cap	£215.00	...	+8.20	...
-do- Acc	£322.40	...	+12.70	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£171.30	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£254.40	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£324.40	...	+5.10	...
-do- Acc	£490.10	...	+8.20	...
Moneymaker Fd	£388.20	...	+5.00	...
Capital Growth	£1418.2	...	+22.80	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB. 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	404.30	424.60	+24.10	...
Amer Rec Bond	448.30	470.80	+31.80	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	219.20	230.20	+8.80	...
Australasia Bd	153.50	161.30	+7.20	...
Commodity Bond	209.70	220.30	+13.30	...
Deposit Bond Acc	341.10	358.30	+0.30	...
Equity Bond Acc	1187.1	1246.6	+33.50	...
European Bd Acc	286.80	301.20	+6.60	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	586.60	616.00	+16.20	...
Far East Bd Acc	229.10	240.70	+12.40	...
Gilt Bond Acc	392.10	411.80	+0.30	...
Gold Bond Acc	80.00	84.10	+3.20	...
High Yield Bond	296.60	311.50	+7.90	5.06
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	193.60	203.40	+0.90	...
International Bd	609.40	640.00	+26.20	...
Japan Bond Acc	219.70	230.80	-10.40	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	184.50	193.80	-11.60	...
Managed Bonds	717.20	753.60	+17.20	...
Prop Bond Acc	298.90	313.90	+0.30	...
Rec Bond Acc	616.30	647.40	+20.60	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	205.10	215.90	+4.00	...
UK Equity Acc	271.40	285.70	+5.50	...
Special Sits	83.90	88.40	+1.00	...
Special Sits Acc	111.10	117.00	+1.40	...
North American	186.20	196.00	+9.00	...
N American Acc	246.50	259.50	+12.10	...
Pacific Basin	289.00	304.30	+9.70	...
Pacific Basin Acc	382.50	402.70	-13.20	...
Fixed Interest	273.50	290.00	-1.60	...
Fixed Interest Acc	365.00	384.30	-2.50	...
Property	154.40	162.60	-0.10	...
Property Acc	204.50	215.30	-0.20	...
Deposit	149.40	157.30	+0.10	...
Deposit Acc	198.60	209.10	+0.30	...
Managed	233.80	246.20	+5.20	...
Managed Acc	285.20	300.30	+6.60	...
MANULIFE GROUP St George's Way, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	609.10	641.20	+13.90	...
Property Fund	471.60	496.40	-0.50	...
Equity Fund	760.00	800.00	+15.80	...
Gilt Edged Fd	543.00	571.60	-3.20	...
Deposit Fund	310.70	327.10	+0.20	...
Investment Fd	321.50	338.60	+6.50	...
International	481.70	507.00	+25.10	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA. Admin: 0272 244366. Prices: 081 789 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	393.70	414.40	-4.90	...
Equity Bond	293.70	309.10	-2.30	...
Money Mrkt Bd	481.60	507.10	+4.00	...
Deposit Fund	355.10	373.70	+0.50	...
Managed Fund	408.50	430.00	+8.70	...
Intl Equity	463.10	487.40	+22.00	...
Intl Managed	442.60	465.80	+15.70	...
North American	201.20	211.70	+12.80	...
Far East	325.10	342.20	+11.50	...
Intl Currency	253.20	266.40	+10.20	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth. 0705 827733				
Equity	129.30	136.10	+2.60	...
Fixed Interest	485.40	510.90	-4.10	...
Managed	622.20	654.90	+13.30	...
Deposit	318.00	334.70	-0.40	...
Property	377.30	397.10	-0.70	...
American	410.10	431.60	+19.90	...
Australian	400.60	421.60	+10.40	...
European	441.70	464.90	+12.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	242.90	255.60	+2.40	...
Global Managed	126.10	132.70	+2.70	...
Income Acc	679.20	714.90	+10.40	...
-do- Dist	430.10	452.70	-9.20	5.40
International	275.40	289.80	+10.50	...

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Japan Smaller	382.30	402.40	+29.50	...
Singapore & Mal	253.10	266.40	-16.10	...
Smaller Cos	333.00	350.50	+9.30	...
Tokyo Fund	542.60	571.10	-24.50	...
UK Equity	544.80	573.40	+10.90	...
CCM Vangd Mg	647.40	681.40	+12.70	...
Equity Pens Cap	867.30	912.90	+24.60	...
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH. 071 623 4200				
Managed	418.60	440.70	+10.60	...
UK Equity	517.90	545.20	+9.80	...
Overseas Equity	418.40	440.50	-17.10	...
Americas	402.80	424.00	+26.20	...
Far East	395.50	416.40	+16.80	...
Property	194.20	204.50	-1.10	...
Fixed Interest	333.30	350.80	+3.20	...
Indexed Gilt	208.20	219.20	+1.00	...
Deposit	203.20	213.90	+0.20	...
NORWICH UNION ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 148, Norwich NR3 1PP. 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1200.5	1263.7	+28.10	...
Eqty Fund	2635.1	2773.8	+56.90	...
Property Fd	437.10	460.10	+2.10	...
Fixed Int Fd	539.70	568.10	+2.20	...
Deposit Fund	324.30	341.40	+0.50	...
Intl Fund	200.90	211.50	+7.30	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist.	137.60	144.90	-0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	262.10	275.90	+0.30	...
Inv Equity	1037.1	1091.7	+28.40	...
Inv Managed	714.70	752.30	+20.00	...
Ret Managed	782.20	823.40	+22.20	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB. 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	676.70	719.90	+10.00	...
Cash Fund	317.30	334.40	+0.30	...
Property Fund	216.70	230.60	...	...
Equity Fund	788.10	838.50	+31.50	...
Fxd Interest Fund	415.60	438.00	+6.20	...
International	348.80	371.10	+14.80	...
High Income	608.10	647.00	+14.20	...
Far East	460.20	489.60	+14.70	...
North American	487.90	519.10	+34.70	...
Special Sits	555.60	591.10	+8.10	...
Technology	490.40	521.80	+28.20	...
Extra Income Fd	330.30	351.40	+5.80	...
Gilt Fund	446.30	474.80	+2.60	...
European	123.90	131.90	+3.40	...
Adventurous Mg	177.80	187.20	+8.50	...
Secure Mgd	128.50	136.80	+2.90	...
Equity Inc Dist	109.70	116.80	+2.90	4.88
North American	103.40	110.10	+2.90	5.60
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA. 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	265.70	280.30	+5.40	...
Fxd Interest Acc	216.10	228.00	-0.40	...
International Acc	217.30	229.30	+10.40	...
Managed Acc	192.30	202.80	+4.60	...
Property Acc	221.50	233.70	-0.10	...
Money Acc	144.70	152.70	+0.20	...
Spec Mkt Acc	191.60	202.20	+7.20	...
Japan Equity Acc	92.90	98.00	+4.10	...
N Amer Acc	154.10	162.60	+7.60	...
Pacific Acc	124.80	131.70	-4.100	...
European Acc	117.00	123.50	+2.90	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP. 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	403.50	424.70	+6.70	...
Managed Initial	288.70	303.90	+4.50	...
Equity Ord	614.30	646.60	+6.90	...
Equity Initl	439.60	462.70	+4.70	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	187.80	197.70	+0.90	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	140.40	147.80	+0.60	...
Oseas Equity Ord	307.90	324.10	+12.80	...
Oseas Equity Inlt	220.30	231.90	+9.10	...
Property Ord	219.90	231.50	...	...
Property Init	157.30	165.60	-0.20	...
Fixed Int Ord	255.60	269.10	+1.10	...
Fixed Int Init	182.90	192.50	+0.60	...
Deposit Ord	194.00	204.20	+0.20	...
Deposit Initial	138.80	146.10	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH. 071 405 9222				
Managed	289.40	301.50	+4.40	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP. 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	648.60	682.80	+14.30	...
Equity Fund	1285.8	1351.4	+19.30	...
Intl Fund	485.80	511.40	+20.80	...
Fixed Interest	524.60	552.30	-0.90	...
Property Fund	376.40	396.30	...	...
Cash Fund	344.40	362.60	+0.90	...
Pacific Basin	240.70	253.40	+10.60	...
N American Fd	225.10	237.00	+15.00	...
Euro Fund	216.00	227.50	+8.10	...
Balanced Fund	130.60	137.50	+2.70	...
Strategic Fund	133.10	140.20	+3.70	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	1593.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	388.10	408.50	...	...
Op Prop	408.70	430.30	-0.10	...
Op Equity	876.10	922.30	+13.30	...
Op High Yield	510.10	537.00	+2.60	...
Op Managed	718.70	756.80	+21.90	...
Op Deposit	370.30	389.80	-0.40	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Euro Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	280.80	295.60	-5.00	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	175.60	184.90	+9.20	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Sht				
Managed Gth	224.10	235.90	+4.70	...
Gilt	75.20	79.20	-0.10	...
Amer (38.34)	...	...	...	...
British	327.90	345.20	-3.70	...
Intl Fixed Int	113.80	119.80	+3.40	...
Global (35.34)	156.10	164.40	+4.90	...
Gold Share	49.80	52.90	-2.40	...
High Income	262.70	276.60	+7.40	...
Income	381.40	401.50	+8.90	...
Japan	312.80	329.30	+12.90	...
UK Smlr Cos	267.50	281.60	+7.40	...
Mngd Growth	394.40	415.20	+7.50	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS. 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	843.50	892.50	+20.90	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	338.20	355.90	+8.30	...
Equity Fund	473.70	498.60	+10.50	...
Property Fund	243.30	256.10	...	...
International	385.70	405.90	+14.00	...
Pacific Basin	204.50	215.20	+8.40	...
United States	237.40	249.80	+19.60	...
Gilt Fund	319.80	336.60	+1.40	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	648.40	686.20	+12.20	...
Deposit Fund (2)	345.90	366.10	+0.40	...
Gilt Fund	462.40	489.40	-0.30	...
Global Equity Fd	192.30	203.50	+6.70	...
Property Fund (46)	88.90	94.10	...	...
AG Bond Fund	138.10	146.20	+3.40	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow. 041 248 2323				
Equity	490.50	516.40	+8.60	...
Fixed Interest	320.70	337.60	+1.90	...
Index-Linked	178.50	187.90	+1.10	...
International	362.20	381.30	-14.30	...
Property	240.60	253.30	...	...
Cash	216.60	228.10	+0.50	...
Managed	386.70	407.10	+8.50	...
Cap Gteed Bd	98.50	103.70	+1.80	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF. 031 556 9101				
Cash	170.12	179.07	+0.17	...
Index-Linked	145.50	153.20	+0.80	...
Fixed Interest	165.90	174.60	+2.10	...
Mixed	213.50	224.70	+5.50	...
UK Equity	210.40	221.50	+3.50	...
International	207.70	218.60	+6.10	...
American	239.30	251.90	+10.30	...
Japan	193.10	203.30	+5.00	...
European	207.40	218.30	+5.70	...
Pacific	269.70	283.90	+9.30	...
Technology	293.60	309.10	+9.90	...
Currency/Currncy	213.90	225.20	+5.40	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE. 031 225 2211				
Property	172.50	181.60	-3.70	...
UK Equity	313.20	329.80	+5.10	...
American	242.90	255.80	+12.10	...
Pacific	259.60	273.40	+7.80	...
European	390.20	410.80	+12.40	...
International	259.70	273.90	+8.50	...
Fixed Interest	220.90	232.60	+1.60	...
Index Linked	184.30	194.10	-0.80	...
Deposit	181.80	191.50	+0.10	...
Managed	247.40	260.60	+4.80	...
Worldwide	105.10	110.70	+2.10	...
Pen Worldwide	108.90	114.70	+2.50	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1397.9	1441.2	...	...
Safety Fund	209.50	220.60	+1.70	...
Growth Fund	202.00	212.70	+3.70	...
Opportunity Fd	201.60	212.30	+4.10	...
Cash Fund	164.30	173.00	-0.10	...
European Fund	293.30	308.80	+8.80	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	176.70	186.00	-0.90	...
Index-Linked Fd	165.00	173.70	-1.10	...
International Fd	248.30	261.40	+7.80	...
North American	234.10	246.50	+12.10	...
Property Fund	113.60	119.60	+0.10	...
UK Equity	216.30	227.70	+3.20	...
UK Smaller	186.20	196.00	+4.10	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 556 9181				
Mixed	226.30	238.40	+5.20	...
Equity	240.70	253.50	+5.40	...
International	232.30	244.70	+7.50	...
Property	192.20	202.40	-0.20	...
Fixed Interest	206.70	217.70	-1.60	...
Index Linked	165.40	174.20	-0.80	...
Cash	172.00	186.50	+0.30	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU. 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	822.10	827.10	+25.60	...
Inv Pol 2	758.60	798.70	+24.80	...
Inv Pol 3	731.30	769.90	+23.80	...
Inv Cash	292.40	307.90	-0.50	...
Mixed Fund	396.50	417.60	+6.70	...
Equity Fund	472.40	497.40	+7.50	...
Property Fund	204.80	215.70	-2.00	...
International Fd	406.80	428.20	+16.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	335.60	353.30	+4.70	...
Indexed Stock Fd	181.10	190.80	-0.70	...
Cash Fund	213.90	225.20	-0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX. 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	317.90	334.60	+9.40	...
Equity Acc	368.70	388.10	+7.30	...
International Acc	290.40	305.60	+12.50	...
Property	209.60	220.60	+0.20	...
Royal Trust Mg	208.80	219.70	+6.10	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 031 225 2552				
Cash	253.40	266.80	+0.20	...
Equity	870.20	916.10	+9.30	...
European	138.00	145.30	+3.90	...
Far East	127.80	134.60	+4.30	...
Fixed Interest	358.00	376.90	+2.10	...
Index Linked	189.40	199.40	+1.50	...
International	513.20	540.30	+18.70	...
Managed	604.60	636.50	+9.60	...
Nth American	150.70	158.70	+7.50	...
Property	304.70	320.80	-0.10	...
Pensions				
Cash	387.20	407.60	+0.40	...
Equity	1222.2	1286.6	+22.90	...
European	162.90	171.50	+6.10	...
Far East	96.40	101.50	-3.60	...
Fixed Interest	472.50	497.40	+2.80	...
Index Linked	261.60	275.40	+2.00	...
International	698.90	735.70	+29.90	...
Managed	824.60	868.10	+19.90	...
Nth American	186.80	194.60	+9.90	...
Property	381.10	401.20	+15.30	...
Stock Exchange	186.20	196.10	+4.40	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	559.90	589.40	+14.60	...
Equity Fund	755.80	795.60	+15.30	...
Fixed Interest Fd	380.10	400.20	+2.30	...
Index-Linked Fd	281.20	296.00	+1.10	...
Property Fund	405.80	427.20	-0.70	...
International Fd	533.20	561.30	+21.70	...
N American Fd	222.50	234.30	+17.00	...
Far East Fund	168.20	177.10	+8.20	...
Deposit Fund	276.60	291.20	+0.30	...
International Bd	£269.53	...	+3.92	...
Worldwide Bond	154.90	163.10	+4.70	...
Worldwide Fincl	78.10	82.30	+0.10	...
Worldwide Tech	92.70	97.60	+0.10	...
European	131.20	138.20	+4.80	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	545.80	574.60	+10.20	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	375.50	400.30	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£462.70	...	-0.80	...
-do- Acc	£434.80	...	-0.60	...
Agricultural Fd	£747.50	...	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	£718.20	...	+0.60	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£373.00	...	-0.10	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£396.50	...	-0.20	...
Investment Fd	£295.50	...	+7.30	...
Investment (A)	£284.40	...	+7.10	...
Equity	£1089.8	...	-21.10	...
Equity Acc	£1047.9	...	+20.20	...
Money Fund	£437.30	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£419.70	...	+0.40	...
Actuarial Fd	£307.10	...	+10.20	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£354.20	...	+2.10	...
-do- Acc	£354.20	...	+2.10	...
Retire Annuity	£977.60	...	+0.90	...
Immed Annuity	£293.00	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	£212.60	...	+0.20	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basing View, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£1246.4	...	-15.50	...
Managed Acc	£717.50	...	+8.50	...
Equity Account	£1024.2	...	-13.30	...
Mngd Fund Acc	333.30	350.90	+4.20	...
Equity Fund Acc	452.20	476.00	+6.10	...
Prop Fund Acc	225.80	237.70	-0.30	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	272.60	287.00	-3.50	...
Money Fund Acc	208.00	219.00	-0.60	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	190.70	200.80	+3.00	...
Pers Pens Acct	£1577.1	...	+34.30	...
Pens Mngd Acct	733.40	772.00	+16.80	...
Pens Guarantee	215.70	227.00	+0.40	...
Pens Equity	284.40	299.40	-5.80	...
Pens Property	227.10	239.10	+0.50	...
Pens Fixed Int	242.50	255.30	-3.50	...
Pens Intl	195.20	205.50	+9.40	...
Pens Money	218.50	230.00	+0.40	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	178.90	188.30	+3.40	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL. 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	762.60	802.80	+19.90	...
Property Acc	279.00	293.70	-1.80	...
Equity Acc	1248.4	1314.2	+26.70	...
Fixed Int Acc	349.40	367.80	+0.50	...
Index-Linked Acc	186.90	196.80	+1.50	...
Cash Acc	289.50	304.80	+0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	363.70	382.90	+24.60	...
Japan Acc	241.50	254.30	-13.60	...
Pacific Acc	266.10	280.20	+11.40	...
Far Eastern Acc	621.30	654.10	+32.80	...
International Acc	470.10	494.90	+22.60	...
Distribution Fund	266.60	280.70	+3.30	7.13
European	148.30	156.20	+5.60	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE. 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	249.10	262.30	+4.80	...
Property Fund	177.20	186.60	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	202.70	213.40	+1.20	...
Money Fund	187.90	197.80	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	324.80	341.90	+7.90	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
TSB Brit Gwth	713.00	750.60	-9.30	...
American Eagle	198.40	208.90	-11.40	...
Australian	23.50	24.80	-0.60	...
Deposit	236.20	248.70	+0.10	...
Residential Prop	89.60	94.40	+0.10	...
Financial	286.30	301.40	-17.60	...
Fixed Interest	312.00	328.50	+0.60	...
Gold	62.50	65.80	+2.20	...
Income	341.70	359.70	+1.40	...
International Eqty	376.10	395.90	+12.20	...
Japan	306.30	322.50	-11.80	...
Managed	531.30	559.30	+3.80	...
Managed Prop	187.90	197.80	+6.50	...
Preference	229.40	241.50	-2.00	...
Property	251.40	264.70	...	...
World Income	267.60	281.70	+8.80	...
TSB European	225.90	237.80	-10.30	...

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Unwanted counter-attractions



LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Bank customers who have been besieged with offers of bonds, insurance and loans recently may be pondering whether the confidentiality of their bank accounts has been breached.

It is almost a year since the banking code of practice came into operation, appearing to guarantee that customers' personal financial details would not be given to any financial salesperson in an associated company of the bank.

There has been no let up in the marketing onslaught as far as customers are concerned. Some may have unwittingly given permission for the sales pitch by failing to notice an asterisk and a statement in small print stating that information may be passed to subsidiaries.

The information can keep on flowing to market research organisations and credit reference agencies, even after the account is closed, according to one application form. The salesmen could be contacting forever.

When the code came in, several banks rather cynically said they would not have to change the way they operated much. Instead of the insurance subsidiary being sent a list of people with £10,000 or more on deposit, the branch would be sent letters by the insurance company to mail to those customers with large sums. The result is the same for the customer, especially if the mailing about investments arrives only days after a large sum is deposited.

A few have specifically asked their customers' permission to share information, while others have been a little devious when getting "express consent" to pass on information. They have sent customers letters with a tear-off coupon for a prize draw. Those who read them carefully will have noticed that by entering the competition they were agreeing to their details being spread about the group.

The banks have the whip hand when people are applying for loans. Those who actually fill in the forms themselves do not usually want to score out statements that give the bank the right to hold and process any information about the customer by any company in the group.

Customers can always write to the bank and ask for a stop to mailings and telephone calls, but surely the onus should be on the banks not to pester customers without express permission. Many will want to know about every new investment.

Others would rather not receive a telephone call from a stranger who seems to know more than he ought to about their personal circumstances. The code is to be reviewed regularly. It would seem that a check should be made sooner rather than later as the dash to get disenchanted savers into equities gathers speed.

Hard sell

The timing of the insurance industry is pretty hot. As another company is fined heavily for bad selling practices, the Association of British Insurers has started an internal campaign to make us love them. Companies are being asked to put more positive remarks about the industry in annual reports and in advertisements, to tell MPs how wonderful insurance companies are and to tell the media about the effectiveness of regulation and just how many people are pleased they took out a policy.

The association admits that the criticisms of certain activities in the field of life insurance are valid, but fears they are in danger of alienating potential customers. It will not be including in its briefing notes the high early surrender figures and the low payouts these customers get.

Nor will insurers remind customers and opinion-formers that large numbers of firms are failing the inspections of their regulator.

The time and money might be better spent in improving standards and redesigning products so that they actually do what customers want. Too often, salesmen sell the wrong product and when they are found out say they had no choice because their company did not have what the customer wanted.

The industry likes to sell 25-year policies to young people, middle-aged people and even old people. Such long-term investment is a good deal if the policy reaches maturity. The vast majority do not with most companies. This is often because policies with flexible names are anything but.

If the industry was inventing the endowment today it would not be able to get past the regulators the idea that most of the first year's investment should go to the salesman and the customer should not be told.

Too many household name companies have flouted the regulations and seemed to pay scant attention to the needs of the customers. Market share has been the watchword, not service, value for money or even security. The industry needs to mend its ways before it can win universal respect, trying to divert attention from what is wrong will not work.

Banks edge towards restoring charges for personal customers

BY LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

THE first move towards the high street banks charging current account customers whose accounts are in credit came this week when Save & Prosper announced that anyone with less than £1,000 in their accounts would have to pay £5 a month.

While Coutts, the Queen's bank, has always charged less prosperous customers for the privilege of banking, the high street banks have offered free banking since the mid-1980s and only clobbered those who went into the red.

For the last year or so, they have been reviewing the cost of current accounts and all have long-term plans to reintroduce charges on cheque accounts in credit when they feel they can get away with it.

Barclays estimates that a cheque account needs to have an average balance of £600 to pay its way and that the average cost per year for running an account is £40 to £45. With fewer than half the current account customers incurring charges, the costs for the whole customer base has to be borne by those who overdraw occasionally.

When the overdraft is particularly brief, or not even visible to the customer on the bank statement because it was caused by the time it took a cheque paid in to be cleared, the annual percentage rate charged can run into thousands of per cent if the quarterly or monthly charges are included. The actual interest may be less than a pound.

Lloyds Bank, which was the first to introduce an annual charge on its credit cards, said it would not introduce charges for customers in credit until it believed it had improved its service and that customers had recognised the improvement.

Since January 10, it has charged those who overdraw by more than £100 in its Classic Account £8 a month. Those who go over this limit in the current account pay 60p for every cheque, direct debit, cash dispenser withdrawal, use of a debit card, standing order and even for every payment in.

Those who are seriously overdrawn and have payments refused are charged £25 a time. Letters and telephone calls to advise a customer of an unauthorised overdraft cost £10 and a statement is £3.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Banking bill: Katharine Hamilton, a disgruntled Midland customer, with her children, Naomi, left, and Rachel

National Westminster Bank has been reviewing the trip-wire nature of the charges.

A senior executive describes it as customers being lulled into a false sense of security until one day when they go a little overdrawn and are hit by very large charges for the amount they are in the red.

NatWest charges £36 a quarter for unarranged borrowing of £50 or more and interest of 32.9 per cent. For arranged overdrafts the fee is £19 a quarter on the current account and £23 a quarter on the Current Plus Account. Bounced payments cost £27.50 and letters cost £24. In addition to the £39 or £15 quarterly fee for Midland customers who overdraw, the bank charges £20 a time for bounced cheques, £15 for cheque guarantee card abuse, and £12 for a letter telling a customer they have become overdrawn without permission.

> 'All have plans to reintroduce account charges when they feel they can get away with it'

Barclays charges monthly fees from £5 to £25 for overdrafts. The lower fee is for an arranged overdraft on an account not paying interest and the highest is for unauthorised or excessive overdrafts over £200.

Agreed overdrafts cost 21.3 per cent and others are charged at 35.7 per cent. Bounced cheques and debits cost £20. Usually, there is no warning and the amount has been taken from the account by the bank before the customer is told. This has long been a grievance with customers who do not like their accounts being plundered.

The banking code of practice, which came into operation last year, stated that no one should be charged in two quarters because unexpected charges pushed them into the red for a second quarter.

At the time, the banks said it was not possible to notify customers in advance of charges. Since then, TSB has started sending details of charges two weeks before they are deducted from an account. National Westminster has announced it is going to do so as well.

Barclays has introduced the service for small business customers and, like Lloyds and Midland, is thinking about it for personal customers.

Free banking was introduced in late 1984 by Midland Bank for all current account customers who did not overdraw. The bank won hundreds of thousands of accounts from the other high street banks in the year that it alone among the Big Four was offering this. The others fell into line and the proportion of customers paying for their banking has fallen ever since.

In 1988, Nationwide Building Society launched the FlexAccount, which was the first current account to pay interest on an ordinary cheque account.

This was followed by Abbey National and then the high street banks, although the level of interest paid on current account balances is a fraction of what it was when the accounts were launched.

On Wednesday, Abbey National will cut the cost of its overdrafts from 24.4 per cent to 22.4 per cent. Unlike the traditional banks, Abbey does not charge an overdraft fee. Customers pay interest for the days they are overdrawn. If this is without permission, the cost is 34.4 per cent.

Save & Prosper is increasing the rate of interest that will be paid on sums under £1,000 in its Classic Account from 1.01 per cent gross (0.75 per cent net) to 2.53 per cent gross (1.88 per cent net).

The £5 charge will be levied on the last business day of the month on accounts that have fallen below £1,000.

The company will also charge customers with its Premier Account £5 a month when their credit balances fall below £2,500. It has also stopped paying interest on sums in its Premier Account and deposit account under this threshold.

Called to account for £1.09 overdraft

THE account that Katharine Hamilton runs with Midland Bank to receive her child benefit and pay a few bills for her two children demonstrates what is wrong with the current charging system (Lindsay Cook writes).

The account was overdrawn by £1.09 for 13 days and her next statement showed that charges of £39 had been levied. After six telephone calls, the branch manager said he could cut the bill by £24, but head office would not let him go any further.

Annoyed by the charges on an account that receives one payment of £69 a month, Mrs Hamilton contacted Weekend Money. The account had a total of nine cheques written in 1991 and 22 last year.

She said: "The child benefit does not arrive on the same day each month and that meant there was a small shortfall. I was horrified when I saw how much they had charged me. It was almost two thirds of the monthly income. I tend to use the account to pay for play group fees for Naomi, who is four, and Rachel, who is two, and for their music classes."

Midland said that the difficulty with such cases was that the bank's computer did not distinguish between whether an account was a few pence or a few thousand pounds in the red. The charges were levied as soon as the account was overdrawn and they were heavier if no arrangement had been made to overdraw.

In Mrs Hamilton's case, £24 of the £39 was for overdrawing without permission. Head office did, however, go further. When contacted by Weekend Money, it decided to write off all the charges, although it said it would not be able to do so again.

Mrs Hamilton said: "I made six requests over a period of two days to speak with the manager concerning this matter before I was successful. My first three calls all yielded the same response – namely that no money whatsoever could be refunded. Two subsequent calls resulted in the bank agreeing to refund £19 and in my final conversation with the manager himself, he agreed to refund £24."

In a letter confirming the offer, the branch manager suggested Mrs Hamilton might want to change her Midland account or even move to First Direct, its telephone subsidiary.

Midland has sent all customers details of its charges and advised those who feel aggrieved by any that seem out of line with the offence committed to contact their branch and talk to either the manager or the assistant manager. If they get no satisfaction, they should ask for a brochure about the bank's complaints system. They can then detail their case.

Those who frequently overdraw have little chance of refunds. Customers who are a little overspent are likely to be dealt with sympathetically the first time, even though small accounts make no money for the bank. Midland current account customers pay £39 a quarter if they overdraw without an arrangement.

Millions losing out on earning interest

BY SARA MCCONNELL

MILLIONS of bank customers are still not taking advantage of interest-bearing current accounts more than five years after they were introduced. The four largest high street banks estimate that, at best, only half their current account customers have an interest-earning one.

Rates paid on many interest-bearing current accounts have fallen heavily, but customers whose salaries are paid in regularly and who maintain a respectable credit balance should still take advantage. Those who overdraw frequently, however, will pay higher penalties for such action on an interest-bearing account than on one that pays no interest.

Lloyds and Midland banks estimate that roughly half their customers now earn interest on their current balances. Both offer their interest-bearing account as standard to new customers. Lloyds introduced its Classic Account four years ago this month. Now it has cut rates on balances of over £1,000 after last week's base rate cut. The account pays 0.5 per cent gross, 0.38 per cent net on balances of between £1,000 and £5,000 and 1 per cent gross, 0.75 per cent net on balances of more than £5,000. Balances of below £1,000 still earn 0.2 per cent gross, 0.15 per cent net. When the Classic Account was launched, it was paying 6.5 per cent net on balances of above £500 and 4.5 per cent net on balances below £500.



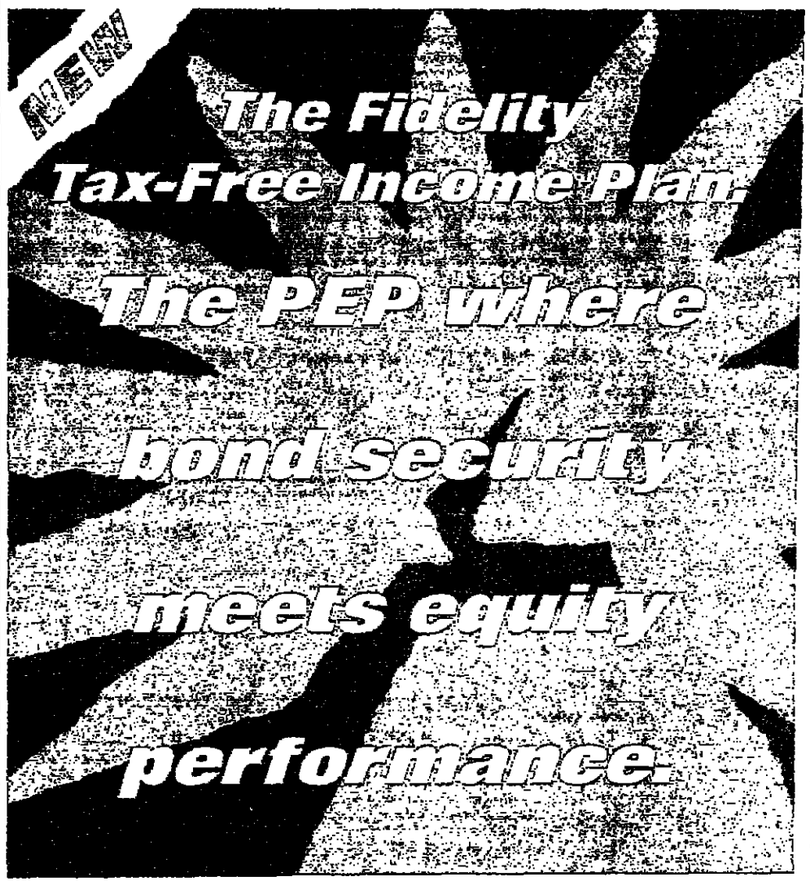
Bayliss: launched competing account

Midland's Orchard Account, launched the month after the Lloyds scheme, is now offered as standard. It pays 0.5 per cent gross, 0.38 per cent net on all balances. Only 1.3 million of NatWest's 6 million customers have a Current Plus interest-bearing current account. In March 1989, when the account was launched, it was paying 6 per cent net of composite rate tax. Now it is paying 0.5 per cent gross, 0.38 per cent net on all balances. The bank does not offer the Current Plus account as standard.

At Barclays, customers have to ask if they want the interest option, which pays 0.5 per cent gross, 0.38 per cent net. Nationwide is still paying better rates on FlexAccount balances than its banking competitors. It was the first to offer a current account paying interest, in May 1987. Then it paid 2 per cent net of composite rate tax on balances of up to £100. The top rate, on balances of over £500, was 5 per cent net of CRT. Now it pays its 1.2 million FlexAccount customers 1 per cent gross, 0.75 per cent net on the smallest balances of up to £2,000.

Those with balances of more than £25,000 earn 5.2 per cent gross, 3.9 per cent net. However, since July, new customers have had to keep a minimum of £500 in the account or have at least £500 credited monthly.

John Bayliss, then Abbey's managing director of retail operations, led the assault on the Nationwide in 1988, with a competing current account. Abbey is now paying 0.5 per cent gross, 0.38 per cent net, on all balances.



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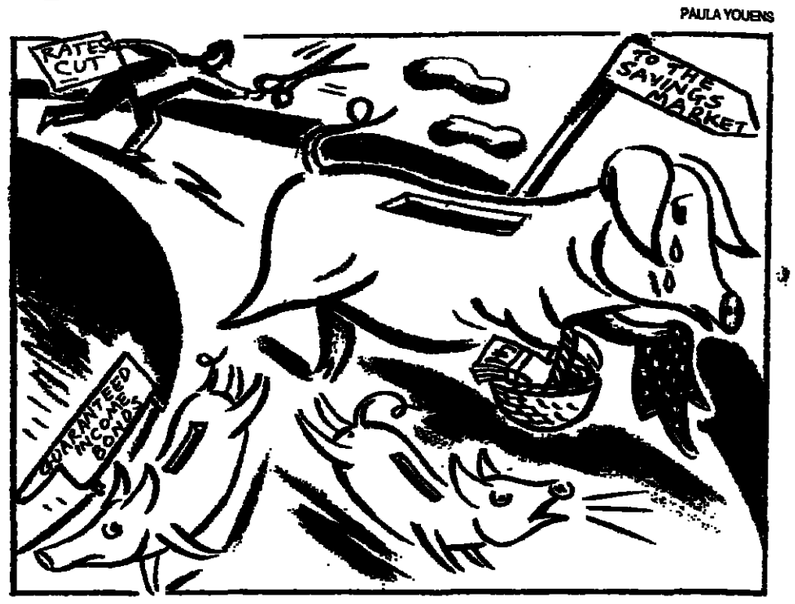
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Abbey National leads saving rate reductions

By Sara McConnell



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THE Abbey National, Northern Rock, Birmingham Midshires and National & Provincial have cut rates on savings accounts this week, but others are holding back until the end of the month, afraid of losing customers if they act too soon.

Rates on the Abbey's Instant Saver account and High Interest cheque account have fallen by just over half a percentage point on average, mirroring last week's 0.51 per cent cut on mortgages of under £60,000.

Higher balances were hardest hit, with the rate on Instant Saver balances of £25,000 and more falling from 4.54 per cent net, 6.05 per cent gross, to 3.83 per cent net, 5.1 per cent gross, a drop of 0.71 per cent.

Balances of between £1 and £500 will earn just 0.38 per cent net, 0.5 per cent gross, a cut of 0.48 per cent.

Rates on the high interest cheque account have fallen by about the same amount. Savers with balances of £1,000-£2,500 will earn 1.2 per cent net, 1.6 per cent gross, against 1.73 per cent net, 2.3 per cent gross. Balances of £25,000 and over will yield 3.45 per cent net, 4.6 per cent gross, down from 3.98 per cent net, 5.3 per cent gross.

The Abbey says it will hold off cutting rates on notice accounts such as the 90-day notice Investment Account and the High Yield bond. "We are trying to protect those who are living off their savings. It is a very delicate balance," the bank said.

Birmingham Midshires has cut its savers' rates by an average 0.61 per cent. The 90-day notice Quantum High Interest account is paying 3.67 per cent net, 4.89 per cent gross, on balances of £1,000-£5,000, down from 4.07 per cent net, 5.43 per cent gross. On the largest balances of £50,000 and above, the account will pay 5.41 per cent net, 7.22 per cent gross, against 5.95 per cent net, 7.94 per cent gross.

Rates on the Quantum Instant Access account are now 1.12 per cent net, 1.5 per cent gross, on balances of £1 to £500, down from 1.69 net, 2.25 per cent gross; and 5.25 per cent net, 7 per cent gross on balances of £50,000 and over. Previously, the account was paying 5.62 per cent, 7.5 per cent gross.

Northern Rock has cut both instant access and 90-day accounts by 0.8 per cent gross on average. Rates on the society's postal account will be held until April 1. National & Provincial has cut its rates by an average of 0.5 per cent.

Other societies have not yet moved. The Nationwide and the Cheltenham & Gloucester say they intend to hold rates until March, when last week's mortgage cuts take effect for existing borrowers, and societies start to feel margins pinching. The Halifax the Leeds Permanent and the Woolwich all confirmed they would be cutting their rates, but did not know when or by how much.

All are aware that if they cut rates too far they are in danger of losing savers, whose money they need to fund borrowing.

Building societies could not afford to pass on the full benefit of last week's 1 per cent base rate cut to borrowers, citing the difficulty of balancing the conflicting requirements of savers and borrowers.

The leading clearing banks, which do not have to rely on depositors to fund their lending in the same way as building societies, have announced cuts in savings rates of about 1 per cent. They cut mortgage rates by just over half a percentage point.

Those looking for guaranteed income may receive a better rate from guaranteed income bonds issued by life companies. Most of these have cut their rates in response to the latest base rate cut.

According to Chase de Vere, the independent financial adviser, those with a minimum of £2,000 to lock away for four years will receive an annual income of 6.2 per cent with Consolidated Life.

BRIEFINGS

Midland Bank and First Direct, its telephone banking arm, are offering cheap dealing rates on BT share sales. The charge will be £15 until March 12, instead of £20. Up to four certificates bearing the same surname can be included in a single deal. Deals between £1,000 and £7,000 will be charged a commission rate of 1.5 per cent.

☐ A mortgage endowment valuation service for home buyers will calculate whether a with-profits endowment policy will pay off the mortgage at the end of the term. Securitised Endowment Contracts of Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, is charging £10, including VAT, for working out a policy's value and the estimated maturity value.

☐ Abbey National will be mailing details of an extended travel insurance policy to all its current account and high interest cheque account customers. The policy applies to an unlimited number of trips of up to 31 days anywhere in the world outside the UK in any one year. The policy, which costs £89 a year for an individual policy and £125 a year for a family, will initially be available via direct mail.

☐ Bristol & West Building Society is to launch its sixth guaranteed equity bond on Monday. The bond will pay a gross rate of interest amounting to 110 per cent of the percentage rise in the FT-SE 100 index. The initial investment is never at risk. The bond is on offer until March 17. The minimum investment is £1,000.

Benefits of moving home for work cut

By Lindsay Cook, Money Editor

THE amount of relocation costs that can be paid to employees tax-free has been cut by £4,500. Those who moved after Monday can now receive up to £13,440, compared with a previous payment of up to £18,060.

The extra statutory concession is based on the maximum amount payable to Civil Servants moved from one part of the country to another and has been cut to take account of the dramatic fall in interest rates.

The concession can be used to buy a property of similar standard in another part of the country where houses cost more. It is invariably used by people looking to bridge the price gap when moving from north to south. Since the peak of the housing market in 1989, prices have continued to rise in the North until recently. They have fallen steeply in East Anglia, and the southern half of the country.

The money cannot be paid as a lump sum or all in one year. It is phased out over a number of years, and is to cover, in the main, the difference in mortgage payments.

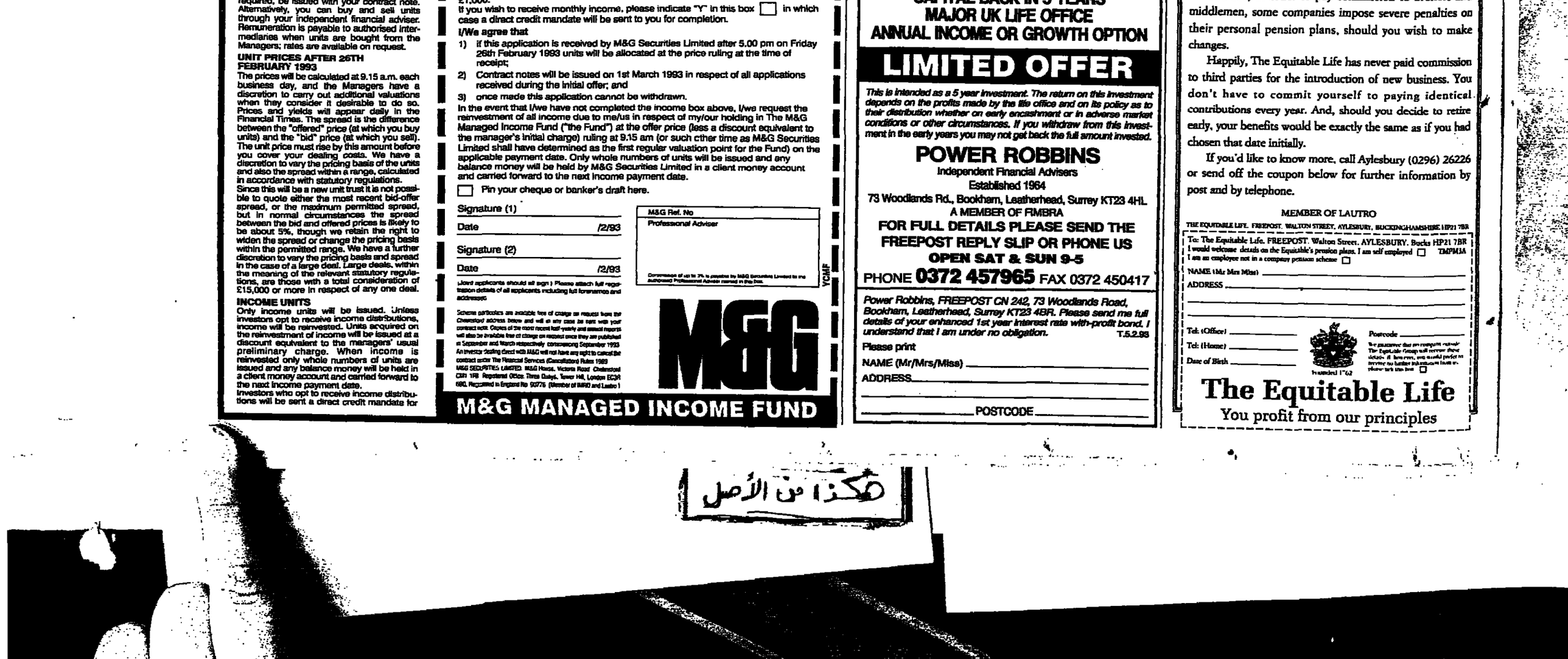
A free booklet, *IR1*, on the concession is available from any tax office or tax enquiry centre, or by post from the Inland Revenue Public Enquiry Room, West Wing, Somerset House, London WC2R 1LB. The Revenue says the concession will not be given "where an attempt is made to use it for tax avoidance."

While the concession does not cover the cost of maintaining a house that remains unsold, those who take out a second mortgage to move can claim tax relief on both for up to a year so long as the first home is being marketed.

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Hope for home income sufferers

By Sara McConnell

THE insurance ombudsman is this week writing to about 450 elderly investors who took out home income plans with InterCity, a former agent of Guardian Royal Exchange, telling them that their cases are being reopened and that they may be able to obtain more compensation. GRE could face a bill running into millions of pounds.

The ombudsman has already reopened the cases of 31 home income plan investors who took out plans with Arthur Bridgewater, a former tied agent of NM Life in the West Country. It is the first time either insurer has admitted publicly that compensation payouts already made were inadequate. Other companies whose agents sold such plans are also discussing with the ombudsman whether to re-examine the compensation paid to home income plan victims.

Thousands of elderly investors were encouraged to take investment bond-based home income plans in the late 1980s. They took out mortgages on their homes and put the money into investment bonds. Income from the bonds was meant to cover mortgage repayments, with some left over. The bonds have now lost value and income from them is not even covering mortgage payments. Many investors were not told of the risks that the stock market could fall and property slump. Insurers have been forced to compensate investors. The ombudsman told GRE last year that settlements it had made with some clients of InterCity, its former agent, were too low. He argued that the company had not taken into account the cost of taking out a mortgage to fund the plan, legal fees or compensation for distress caused, but had simply offered to refund the premiums paid into the bond, plus interest. Guidelines for calculating compensation payments were introduced last March by the ombudsman bureau after insurers were found to be paying too little.

GRE had argued that it had made payments to investors in 1991 before the guidelines and that many had accepted after legal advice.

Now it has agreed to let the ombudsman mail all investors, regardless of whether they had accepted a lower settlement from the company on legal advice. Previously, investors who had taken legal advice were not likely to have their cases reopened.

The bureau will also contact people who had not taken their cases to the ombudsman. Only a handful had contacted the bureau.

Peter Tyldesley, an assistant at the ombudsman bureau, said: "There will be no exceptions. Normally, we see only the tip of the iceberg because cases go through Lautro first before coming to us, but GRE has agreed to let us bypass all this and mailshot people directly." There was no guarantee that all investors would get a higher payout, he said. Keith Lugton, of GRE, said the company had supplied the ombudsman with the names and addresses of all InterCity's former clients.

> GRE agrees with ombudsman reopening files to get better settlement for elderly investors

He emphasised that some people might have moved since the list was drawn up and could face slight delays in receiving their letters. He said: "If people come back to us, it could cost us a fair bit of money."

GRE investors can expect to have compensation recalculated in the same way as NM's. Six NM Life investors have had their cases settled, according to the ombudsman's guidelines. They have been paid the surrender value of their bond, their mortgage interest and mortgage arrangement costs.

Money already taken from the bond to pay mortgage interest has been deducted, as have any cash or realisable assets bought with money from the bond.

The second-hand value of such assets as a car would be deducted. On top of other payments, the ombudsman has made distress awards. The highest so far is £5,000, to a couple who were former clients of InterCity and whose case was already before the ombudsman.

Neil Munro, another assistant at the bureau, said: "The basic idea is to put them back where they would have been if they had never taken out a plan." Mr Munro is dealing with the reopening of the cases and has been telephoned by several anxious investors who received letters this week.

NM Life agreed last year to mailshot all its home income plan investors, telling them that the ombudsman was to re-examine their cases, after agreeing to abide by the guidelines. It had offered lower settlements to investors before the guidelines were published.

ALAN WELLER



Anxious calls: Neil Munro is helping investors back to where they would have been

Halifax seeks to revive market with fixed rates

By Lindsay Cook, money editor

THE Halifax Building Society has launched a two-pronged attack to try to revive the housing market this week. It is offering home-buyers discounts of up to £1,000 for removals, electrical goods and other items bought when moving house. It has also introduced five new fixed-rate mortgages, from as little as 5.49 per cent, for first-time buyers wanting certainty until May next year.

The loan has an annual percentage rate of 8.3 per cent for loans up to 90 per cent of the value. Up to 95 per cent, the fixed rate is 5.99 per cent for first-timers. For other borrowers, loans up to 90 per cent cost 5.99 per cent until May 1994.

Two-year fixes cost 6.99 per cent — also an APR of 8.3 per cent — on loans up to 90 per cent and 7.5 per cent up to 95 per cent. There is a £200 arrangement fee with the fixed-rate loans.

First-time buyers must take out buildings and contents insurance or mortgage protection plans. There is a redemption fee of two months' interest. Anyone taking out a mortgage receives discount vouchers for van hire, removals and high street retailers. When they move in, they get a home movers' guide.

Jim Birrell, chief executive, said: "We are giving our borrowers something of real value in addition to the society's range of highly competitive mortgage offers. Even the easiest of home moves can leave people feeling stretched, so we hope that the discounts and information in the guides will be welcomed by our borrowers."

The offers are launched days after the largest building society reported that house prices fell 0.4 per cent last month, seasonally adjusted. Without the adjustment, they would have been down 1 per cent. Nationwide, on the other hand, recorded a 1.2 per cent gain in prices.

TSB is offering first-time mortgages at 5.99 per cent on loans up to 90 per cent of the value. The rate is after a one-year, 2 per cent discount is taken into account. On loans up to 95 per cent, the rate is 6.49 per cent. Other borrowers can receive a discount of 1 per cent for a year. The bank is also offering a two-year fix at 6.89 per cent, which has a £195 arrangement fee. Its four-year fix costs 7.75 per cent, with a £250 arrangement fee.

The North of England Building Society is offering first-time buyers a rate of 5.25 per cent for the first six months if they borrow up to 90 per cent. All new mortgages up to 90 per cent of value qualify for a 1.35 per cent discount for a year, giving a rate of 6.64 per cent.

West Bromwich Building Society has a 5.99 per cent variable rate for the first 12 months and a fixed 6.99 per cent rate until January 1996 for the fixed-rate mortgage.

Skipton Building Society has a fixed-rate mortgage at 8.49 per cent until July 1998 and another at 7.49 per cent until July 1996. Both require contents and buildings cover to be taken with the society. It has a 2.26 per cent discount until next January on loans up to 80 per cent for second-time buyers and 90 per cent of value for first-time buyers.

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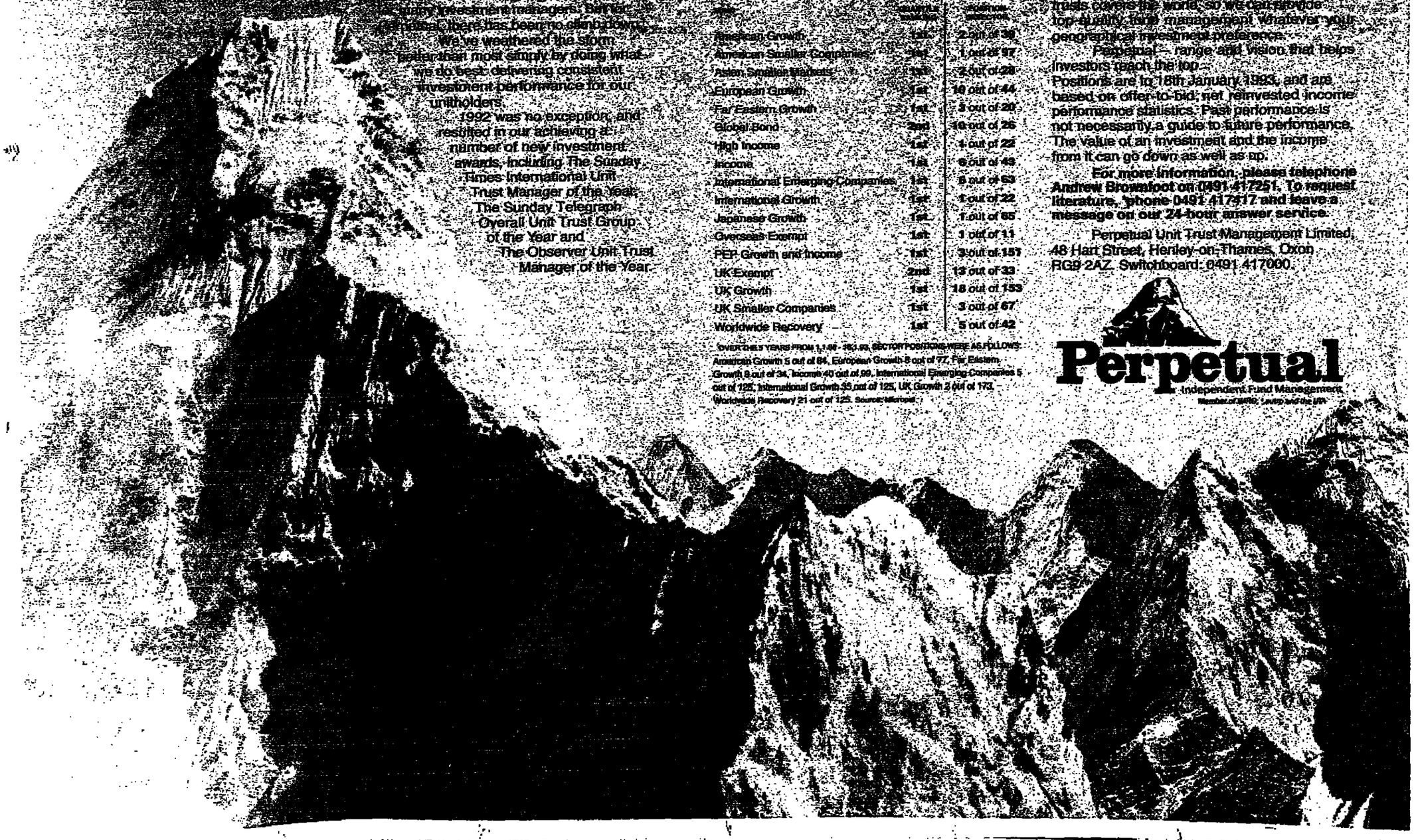
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Income	1st	6 out of 49
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Savers urged to be wary on income funds

By Rupert Bruce

INVESTORS who have watched their income from bank or building society deposits plummet and are now looking to the stock market for higher yields should be aware of a vital distinction between the two types of income fund, according to analysts and fund managers.

Tony Nutt, a director of Fleming Investment Trust Management, said "I think there is a movement at the moment for people simply to look at the yield in order to replace their building society income that has halved. I would advise people to be cautious and not simply look at the yield." He draws a distinction between high income funds and income growth funds.

While the former provide a high income, it is unlikely to grow significantly and any capital growth in the underlying investment is likely to be relatively sluggish. On the other hand, income growth funds start with a relatively low income, but that and the capital should grow over time.

Whether an investor opts for a high income or an income growth fund should depend on their income requirements.

Robbie Robertson, an investment trust analyst at NatWest Securities, said "If you are dependent on income to keep on chugging along and you are not concerned about the capital and might even buy an annuity then the choice of high income is pretty simple.

"But if you are thinking longer term, and you think interest rates are going to stay at these levels, then history suggests you should buy income growth". According to the Association of Investment Trust Companies, a high income fund is one with a yield of more than 125 per cent of the FT-A all-share index, the broadest average of stock market performance.

On the other hand, an income growth fund is one that aims to "accentuate" income growth. That implies that, with the FT-A all-share yielding 4.3 per cent, a high income fund yields more than 5.4 per cent, and an income growth fund rather less. In practice, however, the distinction is often less clear and investors should refer to a unit or investment trusts's promotional literature to discover whether it has an income growth or high income policy.

At the moment, sales of all types of income funds are buoyant. The latest Unit Trust Association figures show that sales of unit trusts soared in December. The industry notched up gross sales of £1.04 billion compared with £976.4 million in November, and £552.9 million in December, 1991. The biggest selling area, by far, was UK Equity Income funds.

With instant-access building society deposit accounts now yielding only about 4.5 per cent gross (depending on the sum deposited), the yields of all types of income funds have become increasingly competitive — particularly because many can be sheltered from tax by a personal equity plan.

When seeking to emphasise the advantages of income unit trusts over building society higher-rate accounts, the association has taken the example of £1,000 invested in 1983.

In the first year, the deposit account yielded an income of £75 and the unit trust a comparatively meagre £59. But by 1993, the unit trust investment's payout would have grown to £151, while the deposit account would have yielded just £54.

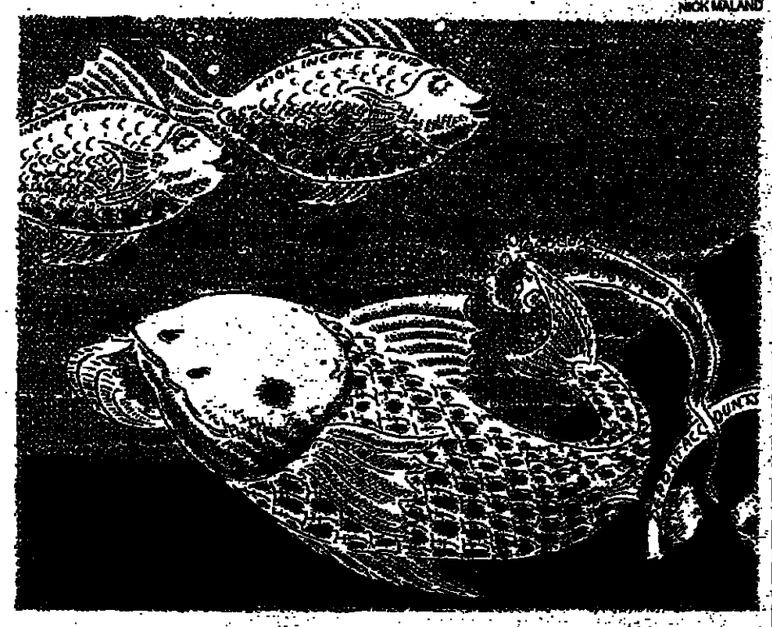
Behind the growth in the unit trust's payout is capital growth. Today, the capital invested in the unit would be worth £3,217. And although the income yield generally remains below that of the building society, it is calculated on a growing capital sum.

But, while this vividly illustrates the argument for income growth funds, it is not so appropriate for high-income funds. Witness a comparison between two investment trusts.

Over five years to the end of last December, Shires Investment, a high income fund with a 9.9 per cent gross yield, would have turned £100 into £149.10 if the income had been reinvested, according to AITC figures. The Dunedin Income Growth trusts, which has a 5.6 per cent gross yield and is described by its managers as aiming for growth of income, would have turned a similar sum into £165.09.

Andrew Burdis, manager of the Gartmore UK Equity Income Fund, explained: "The higher the income requirement, the higher the need to invest in fixed interest securities, like convertibles and preferences, and also perhaps invest in higher yielding equities. The latter tend to be companies that are hitting harder times, or else they tend to be companies that are valued on a dividend basis with little growth expected in terms of earnings."

NICK MALAND



Society bond is 'exciting but safe'

By Liz Dolan

ALLIANCE & Leicester is the latest building society to try to minimise the plight of disillusioned savers by offering a savings bond where performance is directly linked to that of the stock market. The rapid fall in building society saving rates over the past four months has already prompted the society to predict that its savings receipts this year are unlikely to exceed outgoings.

Jeffrey Sutherland-Kay, marketing manager, said more people were now prepared to "take a bit of a gamble" with their money. The new bond provided the means to make that gamble "exciting but safe", he said. This was achieved by guaranteeing a minimum payout after five years of 115 per cent of the initial investment, net of tax. Any extra gains are dependent on the performance of the FT-SE 100 index.

The minimum investment in the bond is £1,000 and the maximum £500,000. After five years, the original capital investment is repaid, plus interest representing either 75 per cent of the rise in the FT-SE index, net of tax, or 15 per cent of the initial investment, whichever is greater. Over the past five years, to the start of January 1993, the FT-SE 100 grew by 66 per cent, although past performance does not guarantee future success.

Early withdrawals are possible at quarterly intervals after two years, but returns are commensurately lower. People withdrawing in the third year get their capital back, plus 52.5 per cent of any FT-SE rise. In the fourth year, they get 103.75 per cent of their original investment, or 100 per cent of capital plus 52.5 per cent of the FT-SE rise, whichever is higher. In the fifth, they get 107.5 per cent of capital, or capital plus 52.5 per cent of the FT-SE increase.

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Peps offer monthly income

By Lindsay Cook

TWO personal equity plans have been launched this week, offering a monthly income facility, in an attempt to attract building society investors who are disenchanted with savings rates.

Fidelity launched a high income fund, which should pay 6 per cent with no tax deducted because it is designed as a tax-free personal equity plan. M&G expects to pay 5 per cent from its Managed Income Pep.

The Fidelity Tax Free Income Plan will invest half in high-yielding shares and half in fixed-interest stocks.

While there is always a risk of loss of capital with equity investment, the fund will choose blue chip companies and privatisation shares. The intention is to focus on 50 companies with solid records of paying out increasing dividends from their profits. Unlike building society accounts, there is a potential for growth of capital and income.



Whitaker: attractive offer

Income can be paid monthly or quarterly or be repaid into the plan. The maximum investment each financial year is £6,000. There is an initial 2 per cent charge and a 1.25 per cent annual fee. Those who withdraw in the first three years will face a charge. This starts at 3 per cent in year one and then tapers off.

There is a double Pep option, which allows investors to apply for a 1992-3 plan and a 1993-4 plan at the same time. The money for the next financial year will be held in the Fidelity cash fund, currently paying 6.8 per cent gross, until April 6.

M&G's fund, managed by Christopher Whitaker, will concentrate on shares and will invest up to 40 per cent of the portfolio in fixed-interest funds. "The fund aims for a yield above that of the FT actuaries all-share index. This combination of tax-free monthly income from the Pep and the prospect of capital growth when equity share prices increase, makes this an attractive alternative to building societies," he said.

There is an initial charge of 4.5 per cent and an annual fee of 1.5 per cent.

Cazenove fund open to the public

By Sara McConnell

FOR the first time, Cazenove is offering a personal equity plan to members of the public rather than existing clients. The Unit Trust Management's Bond & Utility Pep, to be launched on Monday, will invest in a combination of low-risk bonds and higher-risk but high-yielding utilities stocks.

Harry Henderson, Cazenove's managing director, said the fund was aiming for a gross yield of 7 per cent. Income and capital gains on investments in the fund will be tax free for those putting in the full £6,000 via a Pep. Those wanting to invest less will not be able to go into a Pep, but will be able to invest in the fund. The minimum is £3,000 in the first year, and £500 thereafter.

Just under half the fund will be invested in bonds. The remaining 51 per cent will be invested in the shares of the privatised water, electricity, gas and telecommunications companies. Returns from equities are not guaranteed, but dividends on utilities stocks are forecast to grow by 10 per cent, Mr Henderson said.

There will be an initial fee of £35 for those taking out a Pep, with no further Pep charges in the first year. In subsequent years, there will be a £20 annual Pep plan charge. In addition, there will be an initial charge of 0.2 per cent on the fund and an annual management fee of 0.5 per cent.

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Counting the cost of falling payouts

By Sara McConnell

THE projected payout on a 10-year endowment has fallen by more than 25 per cent in two years, from £68,500 to £50,000. Norwich Union gave the first figure to a policyholder in January 1991 and the second one last month.

Other policyholders are likely to see similar falls in payouts from all life companies over the next few years. Most leading life offices have now declared lower bonuses for policies maturing after the beginning of this year, with shorter term policies being particularly hard hit.

At least one life office, Sun Alliance, has this year cut bonus rates on its 10-year policies by 15 per cent. Those whose policies are not due to mature for some years can expect lower bonuses in years to come because of poor investment returns over the past few years.

Tom Warner, a Weekend Money reader from South Glamorgan, asked Norwich Union in January 1991 to provide him with a projection of the benefits he could expect to receive from his 10-year endowment policy.

He had taken the policy out in 1984, funding it with income received from a £20,000 annuity. At the beginning of 1991, Norwich Union calculated there should be a payout of £68,500 in three years' time when the policy matured. The calculation assumed the then current declared bonus rate would continue.

At the beginning of this year, Mr Warner asked Norwich Union to do the same calculation. The company calculated that the maturity value would be £50,000. Such values are not guaranteed but depend on the performance of the life office's investments.



GLENN EDWARDS

Unhappy returns: Tom Warner, a Norwich Union policyholder whose projected payout has fallen by over 25 per cent

Mr Warner wrote to Norwich Union querying the drop. He said: "I needed an explanation of why Norwich Union had made such a mess of its investments." In a letter to Mr Warner, Philip Scott, Norwich Union's general manager, finance, said: "During 1991, it became clear that the poor investment return of 1990 was not an isolated event which would soon be corrected in 1991, but that it was the beginning of a fundamental change from the high investment returns of the late 1980s into a period of lower inflation and lower investment returns." By this time, the company could not assume that current bonus rates could be sustained for calculating projections and had assumed a lower rate. Mr Scott said: "The industry and ourselves were more optimistic a couple of years ago than we are now." Of the £50,000 payout projected, £41,641.40 was guaranteed, as this was made up of a sum assured of £27,206 and annual bonuses already added of £14,435.40. Mr Scott said that Norwich Union was writing to all its policyholders to explain why their payouts were lower this year. Norwich Union has cut bonuses on 10-year policies maturing in 1993 by just over 7 per cent. Payouts on 10-year policies have been hardest hit because of bad years in recent times Ray Milne, assistant general manager marketing at Scottish Life, said. Policies taken out ten years ago had had up to five bad years when stockmarkets had slumped, with 1990 and 1991 being the worst. Investments were badly hit by the Gulf war at the start of 1991. Scottish Life has cut payouts on its 10-year policies by just over 10 per cent from £6,926 to £6,216.

The payout assumes the policy was taken out by a man who was 29 at the start and continued putting £30 a month into the plan for ten years. The same policyholder would have received £7,323 from Royal London, which, at the moment, tops the payout table drawn up each year. Several large life offices, including Scottish Amicable, Scottish Widows and Eagle Star, have not yet declared bonuses for this year.

However, Standard Life, the largest life office, gave its policyholders a shock last week when it cut bonuses across the board. Its new payout on 10-year policies is £6,839, down from £7,672 last year, pushing it down to ninth place so far in the table of 10-year payouts for this year.

According to *Money Management*, the specialist magazine, Standard Life's payout was the fifth highest of the life offices last year.

Standard Life has also slipped into second place in the league table of payouts on 25-year endowments, cutting both annual bonuses and the terminal bonuses paid on maturity. The standard policyholder paying £30 a month will get £63,394 instead of £66,087 last year.

So far, General Accident is the only life office to have raised payouts on longer term policies, producing a maturity value of £65,464. John Hylands, deputy general manager and actuary at Standard Life, said: "Payouts on 25-year policies are going to decline gradually over the next few years."

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Chipping away at an old problem

By Brian Collett

DRIVERS whose vehicles are damaged by grit laid by council lorries on cold nights may be able to claim the cost of repairs.

Many aggrieved drivers have merely nursed their anger. David Cheshire, however, turned his anger into action and successfully pursued a claim against Buckinghamshire county council.

Mr Cheshire, a British Airways purser, was driving home along a narrow road to Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, late at night when a council lorry approached, laying down grit to protect the surface against an expected frost. The gritting lorry passed and showered Mr Cheshire's almost-new car. The result was extensive chipping of the paintwork, which Mr Cheshire reported to the council.

The council's insurers, which handled the claim, at first disputed responsibility. Mr Cheshire's claim was taken up by the Which? Personal Service, a part of the Consumers' Association, and the council's insurers eventually paid for the repairs, nine months after the incident.

Such a claim is unusual, as drivers accept that gritting is part of a council's duty to make roads safe and prevent accidents. A successful claim is even rarer.

Sara Checkley, a senior consumer lawyer with the Consumers' Association, said: "There has to be negligence. Speed and type of road and other factors have to be considered. The driver of the lorry had gone over towards Mr Cheshire's car. It happens quite frequently."

However, because grit being laid by a moving lorry bounces off the road, the process is certain, sometimes, to cause chipping of other vehicles' paintwork, even if no negligence is involved. A court ruling on claims for vehicle damage in which negligence is not alleged, admitted or proved, is not known.

However, although councils have a duty to make roads safe, they do not have a right to damage property.

Bob Booker, a civil disputes specialist lawyer with Bookers & Bolton, of Alton, Hampshire, suspects that an action would succeed even without proof of negligence.

He says: "If you chuck something from a lorry and it causes damage, there is a chance of staging a claim, especially in view of what has now happened."

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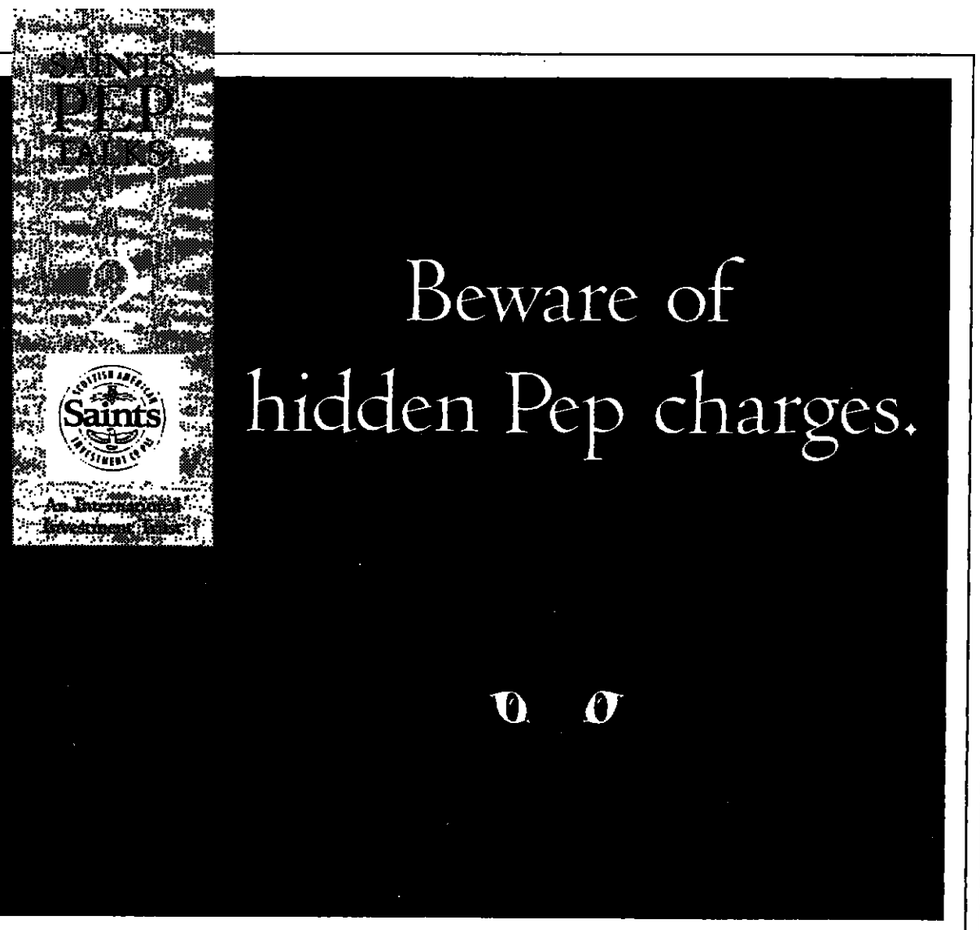
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LETTERS

Beware the salesman who gives answers that seem too good to be true

From Mr J. C. Grainger

Sir, Lindsay Cook's comment "investors who were sold wrong policies before the act may be less pleased" regarding Lautro statistics (January 23) is all too true.

In 1981, I wanted an endowment policy for investment purposes. I was so naive that I believed what I was told. The salesman claimed to have policies designed specially for diabetics. He gave the reply I most wanted to hear to every question (whether true or not). I received a policy with maximum life cover (minimum investment). It stated in the policy details that later policies could be combined with the original as one (for various benefits), I confirmed this with him. Within two years, I made use of this and started another policy to combine with the first. Receiving statements a year later, I discovered not only were the policies separate but there had been minimal investment.

In explanation I was told that I knew policies could not be combined due to my diabetes (contradicting his original statement). Reminding him, that I said the policy was for investment, I asked why the investment was negligible. He told me a diabetic must have maximum cover for his debts and dependents (even now I have none of either) — his concern was not for the client but what he thought. Informing him that I was cancelling the second policy there and then, he said I should cancel the first and not the second (the only person to gain by this was the salesman — he would lose commission only if I cancelled the second).

After the company was taken over, I discovered the policy could be converted to the format I originally desired. I did so despite some loss. I also wrote to the new owners in an attempt to receive some form of compensation, if only an apology. They replied that as I did not take the salesman's advice when I cancelled the second policy they could not bear any responsibility. Recently, I have worked within the insurance business and realise that one purpose of Lautro is to put an end to fraudulent sales. Unfortunately, it is all too easy for salesmen to cover up misdeeds. My own experience showed that many of the best salesmen were those who knew least about what they were selling.

Just as the police must now record interviews only by this means can it be shown how many people are deceived into taking out unrequired policies.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. GRAINGER,
15 River Cottages,
Main Road,
St Pauls Cray,
Orpington, Kent.

Double numbers

From Mr J. K. Chalton

Sir, My experience is somewhat similar to that of your two previous correspondents (Letters, January 23), but in my case it is the account number and not the account name which is at issue.

Some 11 weeks ago, I had occasion to query a premium payment which I was due to pay on a policy which my wife and I have held with Crown Financial Management for some 13 years. In reply, the company stated that the policyholders for the number, which I had correctly quoted, were Mr and Mrs D. A. Sindall.

Although I have phoned and written to the company, I still have no confirmation that the premium, now paid, has been credited to my policy rather than the other bearing the same number.

Yours faithfully,
J. K. CHALTON,
9 Heron Close,
Sway, Lymington,
Hampshire.



Courteous service over late payment

From Mr Leon Price

Sir, With all the recent bad publicity about credit card companies being all too quick to charge cardholders interest if they miss a payment date, I would like to put the other side of the story. Like many others, I usually clear the balance every month to avoid paying any interest, and I regard this as a very good deal. I recently went away on holiday for three weeks over Christmas. When I returned on January 2, my December Barclaycard statement was waiting for me.

The latest date for payment to be received by Barclaycard was Tuesday, January 5, and I normally pay by bank giro credit, which takes about three or four days, so I was a bit worried about having to pay interest charges.

On the Monday, I phoned Barclaycard to explain what was happening and without any fuss they agreed to waive any interest charges for late payment: this was confirmed in my January statement.

In the 20 years that I've had a Barclaycard, I have always received helpful and courteous service in similar circumstances and I'm sure that this is the experience of the vast majority of cardholders of most credit cards.

Yours faithfully,
LEON PRICE,
15 Greenway Close,
New Southgate,
N11.

Savings rethink urged

From Mr G. R. Wolfenden

Sir, In reply to the letter from the Director of Savings (Weekend Money, January 23), I feel that he is being too clinical in his approach to cost cutting.

Whilst I acknowledge that it is the duty of every business and government department to cut or contain costs whenever possible, it is also the moral obligation of the government and National Savings to encourage young people to save and be thrifty. To raise the minimum purchase of Premium Bonds for the under 16-year-olds and raise the minimum deposit on National Savings Bank accounts does nothing to help this cause.

Please realise that in the real world there are many pensioners who like to save a little with a £5 deposit in the DNS bank, but £10 is too much. Similarly, there are many grandparents who like to buy a £10 Premium Bond for a newly born baby, but £100 is too much against their income.

I do hope that the Director of Savings can be big enough to rethink his policy and reduce the minimum levels that are being introduced shortly.

Yours faithfully,
G. R. WOLFENDEN,
23 St Annes Road,
Leyland, Preston,
Lancashire.

Visa voucher checks

From Mr Patrick Bowden

Sir, I would like to assure Mrs Lucy Baruch ("Visa Vouchers Open to Change", Letters, January 16) that the Visa system incorporates checks and balances which protect the cardholder from erroneous or fraudulent transactions.

If the amount billed to her account had been incorrect, she would have certainly had recourse to the bank which issued her card.

Retailers who accept Visa payment cards are usually aware that they may not amend sales vouchers after they have been signed by the cardholder. Of the 400,000 locations accepting Visa cards in the UK, only a tiny percentage submit unacceptable vouchers and these are normally picked up by the bank when they are processed.

Banks have implemented strict screening procedures and new technology, such as electronic point of sales terminals, to reduce still further any margin for error. Mrs Baruch is right to be concerned; all payment cardholders should check their monthly statements against their receipts as a matter of course.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK BOWDEN
(Executive Vice-President, Marketing),
Visa Europe, Middle East and Africa Region,
PO Box 253, W8.

From Mr E. Janson,

Sir, Not only Visa vouchers (Weekend Money letters, January 16) but building society savings books are open to charge. I kept under my name a separate book of savings for my brother, who was not capable to attend to his affairs. I had the full power of attorney.

When my brother died, his last salary was overpaid and the building society sent the sum back on request from the Postmaster General, without our consent. Eventually, we were informed. It took five letters to get a letter confirming that no employee has a right to deal with the money in my savings book. But no apology.

Yours sincerely,
E. JANSON,
36 Dibden Lodge Close,
Hythe, Southampton.

☐ Letters are welcomed, but *The Times* regrets it cannot give individual replies or advice. Independent professional advice should be sought.

INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	4.03	4.03	3.22	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.84	3.84	3.07	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.19	3.19	2.55	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.28	3.28	2.62	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	4.03	4.03	3.22	10,000-no max	1 mth	0742 528655
" " "	3.94	3.94	3.15	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	3.66	3.66	2.93	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	3.47	3.47	2.78	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.48	3.54	2.83	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.88	1.89	1.51	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	5.40	5.54	4.43	2,000‡	none	0800 555884
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	2.08	2.06	1.65	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Northern Rock	6.23	6.23	4.98	10,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	6.40	6.40	5.13	20,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	5.29	5.29	4.23	40,000 min	30 day	——
Skipton	5.80	5.80	4.65	50,000 min	90 day	——
Leeds Permant	5.93	5.93	4.74	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Northern Rock	6.40	6.40	5.13	20,000 min	Postal	——
Nottingham	5.85	5.85	4.68	50,000 min	30 day	——
Marsden	6.38	6.38	5.10	50,000 min	60 day	——
Scarborough	6.75	6.75	5.40	50,000 min	90 day	——
Furness	6.00	6.00	4.80	50,000 min	1 year	——

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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c†	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-50,000	3 mth	0253 66151
6th Index Link†*	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-5,000	8 day	091-386 4900
40th Issue Cert*	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-5,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	10-100/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	100-1,000		
Gen Ext Rate†	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-100,000	8 days	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Allco	5.05	5.05	4.29	50,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Prosperity	5.55	5.55	4.72	25,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Consolidated Life	6.00	6.00	5.10	2,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Consolidated Life	6.20	6.20	5.27	2,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5788
Laurentian Life	6.60	6.60	5.61	50,000 min	5 yrs	for details

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RPI (Dec 91-92)	+2.6%	Spanish Pesetas:	163.00
Bank Base Rate	6%	French Francs:	7.77
Personal Loan	28%	Greek Drachma:	316.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2160.00

TESSA	CAR (%)	£3,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investment	Telephone number
Allied Trust	9.49	£3,284.70	£25+2mths notice	£9,000	071 2839111
National Cnty	8.75	£3,262.50	90 days loss Inter	£3,000	0572 742211
West Bromwich	8.70	£3,261.00	£25+1mths notice	£150	021 5257070
Tipton & Cshy	8.65	£3,259.50	£20+7days notice	£1	021 5572551
Manchester	8.55	£3,256.50		£50	061 8349465

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Brit Excell	62.70	66.71	+0.32	3.08
Brit Fndmntls Inc	64.24	68.34	+0.34	5.21
Brit Fndmntls Acc	81.84	87.07	+0.44	5.21
Global Opps	68.96	73.37	+9.09	...
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	106.00	113.40†	+1.60	3.29
Euro Gth Inc	110.50	117.00	+3.50	1.24
Extra Inc	103.10	110.30	+2.60	5.44
General	236.50	252.90	+5.40	3.42
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.46	59.44	+0.44	8.74
Income	463.00	495.20†	+14.00	4.90
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	98.94	105.00	+7.21	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	129.90	138.90	+9.70	...
Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	51.33	54.89†	+1.30	7.40
Eastern	172.90	186.20	+10.20	1.70
Equity Income	76.72	81.61	+1.93	6.70
European Gth	220.20	234.20	+8.30	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	145.90	156.00	+0.80	2.00
Exempt	81.00	83.17†	+1.75	2.90
German Growth	52.75	56.32	+2.19	0.80
Global Growth	107.80	115.10	+5.40	...
Japan Growth	156.50	167.70†	+8.00	...
Japan Sunrise	131.00	139.80	+7.20	...
Portfolio	115.50	123.50	+3.50	3.40
-do- Acc	204.10	218.40	+6.30	3.40
UK Growth	74.14	78.87	+1.83	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	74.40	79.57	+1.91	2.00
Select Managers	62.20	66.66	+2.49	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	101.85	109.08	+2.75	2.39
-do- Inc	93.41	99.91	+2.52	2.39
Global Bond	29.37	31.16	+0.97	5.78
High Yield Acc	50.87	54.40	+1.35	4.52
-do- Inc	37.28	39.88†	+1.00	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	83.40	89.20	+2.48	1.81
-do- Inc	77.13	82.49	+2.29	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	60.73	64.95	+4.83	0.29
-do- Inc	59.60	63.74†	+4.74	0.29
Euro Gth Acc	95.35	101.97	+3.73	1.78
-do- Inc	94.47	101.03	+3.69	1.78
Mngd P folio	34.19	36.57	+1.50	1.54
Pacific Growth	85.93	91.91	+3.92	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	85.06	91.00	+4.30	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	112.20	119.50	+5.10	3.72
Smaller Cos Acc	257.30	274.00	+5.70	...
Smaller Cos Inc	150.60	160.40	+3.30	1.44
High Inc	72.11	77.15	+1.82	7.15
Income	123.80	132.50	+2.30	4.38
Mngd P folio Inc	91.06	96.98†	+3.62	2.14
-do- Acc	170.50	181.60	+6.80	...
North American	113.70	121.10†	+7.70	0.18
Orient	96.95	104.30	+2.80	...
Recovery	36.07	38.78	+1.42	3.05
German	39.75	42.63	+0.09	0.09
Intl Growth	33.06	35.21	+1.37	0.22
European Inc	21.96	23.65	+0.47	0.48
Conv General	19.35	20.70	+0.48	7.95
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	63.88	67.96	+2.78	1.17
-do- Acc	71.23	75.78	+3.10	1.17
Income Fund 5	207.20	220.50	+3.80	4.05
-do- Acc	471.30	501.40	+8.70	4.05
Inv Portfolio	66.49	68.91†	+1.58	2.19
-do- Acc	75.08	77.81†	+2.39	2.19
Smaller Cos	114.90	122.30†	+4.60	2.16
-do- Acc	138.00	146.90†	+5.50	2.16
High Inc P folio	58.17	60.29	+0.98	4.79
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216				
Sbt Gilt Fxd Int	69.31	70.24	+0.42	5.92
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	133.30	141.90	+2.70	1.71
UK Growth	142.30	151.40†	+2.90	2.47
UK Income	122.00	129.80	+3.20	4.57
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	77.72	83.12	+3.39	1.12
Growth	44.05	47.11†	+0.91	3.04
Income	51.96	55.57†	+1.34	4.28
Far East	40.50	43.32	+1.65	0.36
North American	89.54	95.76	+6.20	0.01
Global	84.07	89.92	+5.32	0.62
European	64.85	69.36	+2.12	1.36
Japan	85.16	91.08	+3.87	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	58.48	61.96	+1.93	5.09
UK Cap Gwth	77.17	82.54	+2.27	2.32
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	136.70	145.50	+8.60	0.06
-do- Acc	145.30	154.60	+9.00	0.06
European	65.82	69.69	+2.39	1.08
-do- Acc	68.22	72.23	+2.48	1.08
Far East Gen	47.82	50.88	+2.14	...
-do- Acc	47.82	50.88	+2.14	...
Glenfriars	242.00	257.50	−11.80	1.32
-do- Acc	271.80	289.20	+13.20	1.32
Growth	373.40	399.40	+10.80	2.55
-do- Acc	635.00	679.20	+18.40	2.55
Income Growth	363.90	387.20†	+10.40	4.09
-do- Acc	484.00	514.90	+14.40	4.09
Master Portfolio	9330.0	9645.0†	+261.0	2.85
-do- Acc	10746.0	11109.0	+282.0	2.85
Special Sits	84.84	90.26†	+2.18	2.52
-do- Acc	99.31	105.65	+2.57	2.52
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1171.0	1208.0	+30.00	4.63
-do- Acc	1356.0	1398.0	+34.00	4.63
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	199.10	211.90†	+9.60	1.72
Capital	520.90	555.90	+11.10	2.53
Eurotrack 100	128.10	136.10†	+3.70	1.76
Euro Gth	78.67	83.73†	+2.86	1.87
Far East Growth	78.33	83.59†	+3.29	0.51
Global Bond	22.99	24.23†	+0.50	6.56
Hong Kong	66.92	71.41	+1.71	0.70
Income	495.40	528.70	+13.80	4.77
Intl Growth	71.69	76.51	+3.22	1.06
Japan Growth	203.90	217.60	+8.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	25.89	27.63†	+1.15	...
Japan Index	60.31	64.36†	+2.21	0.31
Nth American	435.40	464.60	+23.20	0.96
S pore Mly Gth	49.30	52.61	+1.24	...
The Footsie Fd	105.90	111.80	+1.70	2.55
Tiger Index	133.80	142.70	+4.80	0.99
Trixie Index	99.98	106.70	+3.10	3.01
UK Index	120.20	128.20†	+2.60	3.36
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	85.49	91.30	+4.42	1.00
European P folio	70.75	75.16	+2.83	1.38
Japanese P folio	48.68	51.88	+2.02	...
Pacific P folio	87.17	93.74	+3.95	2.43
Cazenove P folio	67.81	72.53†	+2.04	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.07	66.45	+1.05	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	582.50	586.60	...	5.08
Fixed Int	151.96	152.70	...	9.50
Deposit	6.60	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	573.11	578.96	...	5.16
-do- Acc	2209.5	2215.6	...	...
Deposit	6.40	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.00	124.28	...	9.33
-do- Acc	159.85	160.17	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.06	65.33	+3.27	2.48
Beckman Intl	79.58	84.01	+2.94	3.37
Friars Hse Inc	174.05	186.23†	+4.94	6.62
Friars Hse Cap	241.47	258.37	+5.69	2.99
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	112.04	119.19	+6.85	...
European Gth	91.53	97.37	+3.73	1.37
Far East Gth	91.45	97.29	+3.92	0.38
Japan Gth Acc	32.78	34.87	+1.33	...
Managed	59.88	63.70	+1.52	3.03
-do- Acc	72.32	76.94	+1.84	3.03
Mthly Inc Plus	46.54	49.51	+0.70	8.84
Smaller Cos	31.56	33.57†	+0.11	2.18
-do- Acc	35.52	37.79	+0.97	2.18
UK General	67.30	71.60	+1.45	2.77
-do- Acc	80.69	85.84	+1.73	2.77
Wwide Bd	63.84	67.92	+1.94	5.68
-do- Acc	80.00	85.11	+2.43	5.68
Wwide Sp Sits	52.77	56.44†	+2.56	0.29
-do- Acc	54.86	58.67	+2.66	0.29
Quilter General	119.68	127.32	+0.19	2.55
-do- Acc	131.73	140.14	+0.21	2.55
Quilter Income	90.99	96.80†	+3.02	3.98
-do- Acc	112.14	119.30	+3.74	3.98
Quilter Intl	122.70	130.53	+6.88	0.46
-do- Acc	124.39	132.33	+6.98	0.46
Quilter UK Spec	68.80	73.19	+1.50	2.52
-do- Acc	91.02	96.83	+1.98	2.52
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	97.98	104.23	+3.69	1.85
Fixed Conv	39.64	42.17†	−0.09	8.29
-do- Acc	103.42	110.02	+1.79	8.29
Equity Inc	139.97	148.91†	+2.26	4.10
-do- Acc	450.07	478.80	+15.86	4.10
High Yield	114.80	122.13	+2.75	5.22
-do- Acc	429.67	457.10	+10.27	5.22
Preference	46.66	49.63†	+1.17	8.00
-do- Acc	236.01	251.07	+5.91	8.00
PPT Europe	145.48	154.77	+5.47	0.67
PPT Global Bnd	81.22	86.40	+1.73	4.54
PPT Gold Com	48.26	51.34	+3.80	...
PPT Thai	57.80	61.49	+2.83	...
PPT Hong Kong	89.28	94.98	+3.35	0.59
PPT Japan	90.50	96.28	+3.95	...
PPT N Amer	156.18	166.15	+11.70	...
PPT S'pore Mly	99.36	105.70	+5.64	...
PPT UK	113.76	121.02	+2.04	1.51
PPT Cash	90.88	90.88	+0.09	6.30
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	72.58	77.21	+3.80	1.03
Japanese Acc	46.92	49.92	+2.30	...
UK Balncd Inc	122.80	130.60	+3.20	2.57
-do- Acc	143.30	152.40	+3.70	2.57
UK Growth Acc	202.50	215.40	+4.20	2.24
UK High Inc	130.10	138.40	+2.80	6.86
-do- Acc	153.60	163.40	+3.30	6.86
N America Acc	119.70	127.30	+8.30	0.30
European Acc	147.00	156.40	+5.00	0.45
UK Pref Fri Inc	59.61	63.26	−0.21	8.93
-do- Acc	96.20	102.10	−0.30	8.93
Intl Sp Sits Acc	45.66	48.57	+2.37	0.23
Environmntl Opp	70.70	75.21	+1.45	1.47
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	116.70	123.90	+9.50	...
UK Smlr Cos	178.30	189.40	+7.60	1.32
Eurofund	37.00	39.11†	+1.31	1.02
Mngd Exempt	161.20	168.00	+2.10	3.12
Growth Inc	209.30	222.40†	+1.00	4.05
High Dist	136.70	145.20	+4.10	5.96
International	311.60	331.10	+10.60	0.98
Intl Income	79.30	84.65	+2.69	3.07
Pacific	55.24	58.69	+3.35	0.51
Smllr Jap Cos	52.91	56.25	+2.48	...
Tokyo	160.20	170.40	+7.50	...
Japan Exempt	90.74	93.24	+4.70	0.54
Sm Jap Exempt	437.40	449.40	+23.30	0.12
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	167.70	178.40	−7.10	1.06
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	103.34	108.78	+2.30	3.65
High Income	118.72	124.97	+3.26	5.07
Tst of Inv Tsts	140.61	148.01	+8.30	2.33
Special Sits	83.65	88.05	+2.00	3.32
North American	111.38	117.24	+5.57	1.06
Far Eastern	205.15	215.95	+8.61	1.63
Intl Growth	88.59	93.25	+2.34	1.35
European	62.67	65.97	+2.49	2.21
Smaller Cos	68.78	72.40	+2.27	2.38
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	226.30	240.00	+13.60	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.50
European Tst	107.20	114.00	+3.40	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	90.89	96.21	+3.90	0.68
Far Eastern	111.90	119.70	+5.10	...
Osens Income	86.98	93.08	+4.38	2.69
UK Growth	90.28	96.56†	+1.01	1.38
UK Income	101.00	108.00	+2.70	3.92
US Smaller Cos	234.60	250.90	+17.30	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	448.50	479.60	+32.40	...
-do- Acc	458.20	490.00	+33.20	...
Capital	280.80	298.60	+4.50	2.30
-do- Acc	387.50	412.10	+6.10	2.30
Contl Smllr Cos	43.99	47.37	+0.64	1.43
-do- Acc	45.52	49.02	+0.67	1.43
Convertible	107.30	114.10†	+2.90	6.26
-do- Acc	198.60	211.20†	+5.20	6.26
European	95.02	101.50	+2.54	0.82
-do- Acc	98.19	104.90	+2.60	0.82
Extra Income	280.50	298.30†	+8.80	4.53
-do- Acc	392.80	417.80†	+12.50	4.53
Financial	106.80	114.80	+7.00	0.70
-do- Acc	111.20	119.50	+7.30	0.70
Health Fund Inc	130.70	139.60	+4.10	...
-do- Acc	130.70	139.60	+4.10	...
Income Tst	173.80	184.80	+5.30	4.23
-do- Acc	242.30	257.70	+7.60	4.23
Intl Growth	307.50	328.50	+12.90	...
-do- Acc	341.50	364.80	+14.40	...
Japan Gen	134.30	143.50	+7.70	...
-do- Acc	135.60	145.00	+7.80	...
Mngd P folio Inc	89.23	93.92	+2.67	1.09
-do- Acc	92.15	96.99	+2.76	1.09
Monthly Income	141.30	150.30†	+2.70	4.63
Recovery	290.00	310.10†	+13.50	0.76
-do- Acc	338.70	362.20†	+15.90	0.76
Gilt Gth Tst	60.53	62.41	+0.16	6.95
-do- Acc	75.98	78.35	+0.20	6.95
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	342.43	364.29	+6.78	3.00
-do- Acc	691.41	735.54	+13.69	3.00
Euro Gth Dist	101.25	107.71†	+3.87	1.04
-do- Acc	104.27	110.93†	+3.99	1.04
Fixed Int Dist	129.27	136.74	+0.70	6.69
-do- Acc	214.56	226.95	+1.14	6.69
Intl Gth Dist	72.82	77.47	+3.54	0.80
-do- Acc	75.33	80.14	+3.67	0.80
Nth Amer Dist	174.67	185.19†	+12.93	0.61
-do- Acc	189.99	201.01†	+14.04	0.61
Pac Basin Dist	213.30	226.92†	+10.97	0.37
-do- Acc	216.59	230.41†	+11.14	0.37
Stewardship Dist	290.64	309.19	+8.01	1.94
-do- Acc	343.84	365.79	+9.47	1.94
Stwd Inc Dist	58.87	62.63†	+0.66	3.92
-do- Acc	72.23	76.84†	+1.28	3.92
N Am Stwd Dist	98.23	104.50†	+6.59	0.02
-do- Acc	103.92	110.55†	+6.98	0.02
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	146.50	156.80	+9.80	...
European	391.50	415.40	+15.70	0.95
Far East General	190.10	202.10	+9.60	0.32
Germany	93.37	98.86	+3.51	0.41
Global Assets In	65.36	69.91	+2.80	2.17
Global Assets Ac	68.48	73.25	+2.93	2.17
Income	108.60	116.20	+3.90	7.25
International	249.20	266.60	+12.70	0.98
Intl Income	74.92	79.70	+3.34	4.63
Japan General	296.00	313.50	+15.00	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.32	48.47†	−1.00	6.26
UK Capital Inc	149.30	159.70†	+1.70	4.13
-do- Acc	255.40	273.20	+5.30	4.02
Uk Spec Sits	67.48	72.18	+1.14	1.69
US General	117.90	125.60	+10.60	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	112.60	120.50	+4.20	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.60	45.56†	+0.43	1.29
Cash Trust*	127.17	127.17	+0.10	5.87
Pract Inv Inc	100.68	107.97	+4.11	4.12
-do- Acc	214.95	230.51	+8.78	4.12
UK Smaller Cos	93.58	100.35	+2.72	1.80
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.26	25.95†	+0.72	8.59
High Inc	30.02	32.11†	+0.33	5.61
UK Equity Inc	122.65	131.18†	+0.78	4.31
Global Bond	29.71	30.78	+0.93	5.17
International Funds				
Gold Intl	62.16	66.66	+2.82	1.76
Frontier Markets	41.47	44.47	+2.05	0.27
Global Inc Gth	118.45	126.43	+4.27	2.68
UK Intl	109.54	117.16†	+3.35	1.18
Overseas Funds				
American	132.65	141.65	+9.02	0.56
European	80.99	85.91	+3.21	0.95
Euro Sel Opps	91.71	97.55†	+2.74	1.27
American Emerg	79.76	85.53	+6.07	...
Hong Kong	97.67	104.74	+3.69	2.09
Japan	162.34	172.76	+8.32	...
Pacific Growth	135.97	145.81	+7.23	0.53
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	119.17	127.46	+6.39	0.95
American Gth	126.44	135.23	+9.32	0.35
European Gth	67.00	71.64	+2.73	0.82
German Horizn	46.94	50.07	+1.76	0.92
Japan Gth	61.43	65.70	+3.40	...
Pacific Inc	121.97	130.45	+8.29	3.22
Pacific Strategy	99.97	106.92	+6.74	...
UK Prog Inc	68.54	72.34	−0.97	6.11
Gt British Cos	47.35	49.87	−0.10	2.00
UK Small Cos	43.47	46.49	+1.21	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	129.80	129.80	...	4.66
Gilt Fixed	119.00	126.20	+0.60	6.66
Growth Equity	283.30	302.60	+7.90	2.26
Guardhill	419.60	448.20	−12.50	2.57
Income Trust	102.70	109.70	+2.10	3.86
International	149.70	159.90	+8.10	0.32
Japan Trust	100.30	107.10†	+4.30	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	261.70	279.50	+19.30	0.35
Pacific	320.60	342.50	+14.50	0.01
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	324.90	347.10	+9.00	0.66
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	33.93	35.97†	+0.87	1.81
-do- Acc	35.51	37.65	+1.06	1.81
Inc Adv Inc	28.98	30.72	+0.88	4.21
-do- Acc	29.87	31.67	+0.91	4.21
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690398				
Canadian	65.63	70.31	+4.69	0.61
Equity Income	110.30	117.30	+3.00	3.78
European	131.00	138.50	+4.90	1.49
Intl Situation	71.03	75.56	+3.09	...
Japanese	110.10	117.10	+5.40	...
North American	104.70	111.10	+6.40	0.06
Scandinavian	101.30	107.10	+4.30	0.58
Smaller Cos	29.07	30.93†	+0.71	2.59
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	94.52	101.08	+5.76	...
Asian Enterprise	114.28	122.48	+6.81	1.26
Australian	122.32	130.75	+4.97	1.47
European	348.55	369.27	+14.54	1.22
European Inc	66.72	70.63†	+1.67	3.45
Euro Sml Co	114.08	121.58	+1.32	1.00
Extra Income	250.94	267.14	+7.44	5.41
Family of Funds	66.79	71.30†	+2.39	1.21
Fixed Interest	55.16	58.98	+0.34	9.41
Global Resour	77.87	83.58†	+3.94	1.87
High Inc	270.75	289.42†	+7.74	4.75
Income Gth	228.09	242.91	+5.86	3.88
-do- Acc	573.98	611.28	+14.73	3.88
International	221.80	235.92	+11.55	0.95
Japan Spec Sit	181.91	193.52	+10.29	...
Japan	157.31	167.11†	+8.12	...
N Amer	241.05	256.55†	+18.62	0.31
Pacific Smllr Cos	154.19	165.32	+9.34	1.35
Pref Gilt	45.27	49.20†	+0.25	9.81
Smaller Cos Div	151.97	165.64†	+3.70	4.50
Special Sits	250.75	266.29	+6.16	1.47
-do- Acc	384.02	410.89	+9.43	1.47
Best of British	54.27	58.14	+1.23	2.33
Spirit of the East	52.51	56.01	+2.71	0.76
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	85.60	91.55	+0.69	2.32
Capital	149.60	160.00†	+3.10	2.46
Dollar	315.30	337.20	+21.60	0.28
European	188.20	201.20	+7.30	0.57
Far East	216.90	231.90†	+10.90	0.66
Financial	635.80	680.00	+11.10	2.62
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.40	26.38†	+0.22	8.24
High Yield	97.43	104.20	+2.90	5.27
Income	129.70	138.70	+2.80	3.63
Intl	202.70	216.70†	+8.20	0.52
Japan Tech	53.88	57.62†	+2.55	...
Nat Resources	53.40	57.11	+2.08	0.58
Security	284.10	303.80	+0.90	2.19
Smaller Cos	102.40	109.50	−0.10	1.78
Special Sits	129.70	137.60	−0.70	2.38
US Smaller Cos	75.73	80.99	+5.44	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	242.30	255.10	+6.40	1.42
Capital Gwth	102.50	107.90	+2.00	2.48
Inv Trusts	122.80	129.30	+7.90	0.73
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	21.89	24.08†	+1.13	1.81
Special Features	26.11	27.74	+0.86	1.62
-do- Acc	30.62	32.53	+1.01	1.62
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.34	54.92	+0.84	2.71
Assets Earnings	68.57	72.85†	+1.42	2.06
do Acc	80.72	85.76†	+1.66	2.06
Managed Invest	80.35	86.06†	+3.32	1.39
Rupert Children	74.14	79.03	+1.29	1.77
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.02	50.02†	−1.40	5.57
Extra Inc	75.99	81.37†	+1.96	5.36
Gilt	27.34	28.79†	+0.08	7.21
Income Gth	37.28	39.87	+0.60	3.78
MIMstar	75.70	77.67	+0.34	8.44
Preference	17.72	18.82	+0.22	7.10
UK Income	299.80	330.50	+8.30	3.59
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	52.44	55.71	+2.15	1.71
Property Shares	55.59	59.06	+3.13	2.20
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	137.10	144.00	+3.90	3.72
European Acc	107.90	114.30	+4.00	1.93
European Dist	102.70	108.80	+3.80	1.97
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	51.40	54.67	+3.68	1.00
European Perf	102.70	108.90	+4.00	1.39
-do- Acc	104.60	110.90	+4.10	1.39
Euro Small Cos	19.19	20.46	+0.41	0.84
French Growth	65.36	69.56†	+2.45	0.67
-do- Acc	69.66	74.14†	+3.19	0.66
Hong K/China	59.53	64.06†	+3.35	1.65
Intl Growth	48.25	51.26	+2.46	1.23
-do- Acc	48.25	51.26	+2.46	1.23
Japan Perf	25.84	27.44	+1.29	...
Accum Units	25.84	27.44	+1.29	...
Japan Smllr Cos	27.40	29.09	+1.43	...
Singapore Asean	69.71	75.40	+5.38	0.63
-do- Acc	70.14	75.86	+5.41	0.63
South East Asia	201.20	216.90	+11.60	0.94
US Smllr Cos	115.20	122.40	+7.90	...
-do- Acc	116.50	123.70	+7.90	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	80.40	85.59	+4.25	2.74
Intl Bond	57.46	58.21	+1.53	6.47
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.56	68.90†	+0.06	6.13
Extra Income	50.88	54.13	+0.63	7.11
Gilt Yield	118.10	124.50	+0.50	8.19
Global Income	185.70	197.60†	+2.30	4.33
High Yield	128.30	136.50†	+2.70	6.40
Smllr Cos Div	43.50	46.28†	+0.85	5.96
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	94.28	100.30	+5.68	...
North American	77.86	82.83	+4.66	0.23
European	126.80	134.90	+4.80	0.88
Euro Special	75.28	80.09	+2.39	1.04
General	259.50	276.10†	+2.00	3.49
Japan	308.20	327.90	+11.30	...
Japanese Special	164.90	175.40	+6.10	...
Master Acc	210.00	223.40	+5.40	1.48
Pacific	232.10	246.90	+10.20	0.38
Smaller Cos	93.86	99.85	+1.96	2.31
UK Equity Gth	33.19	35.31†	+0.04	2.80
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	70.79	75.31†	+1.96	0.96
Extra Income	23.66	25.16†	+0.22	3.76
Far East	22.27	23.69	+0.68	1.02
Income Gwth	71.86	75.45	+1.50	2.95
Intl Growth	48.47	51.56	+1.72	0.99
Japan	50.01	53.20†	+1.87	...
Maximum Dist*	100.30	102.30†	+0.30	8.15
N Amer Equity	41.59	44.24	+3.15	0.42
UK Equity	84.33	89.71	+1.90	2.84
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	51.79	55.10†	+1.46	4.83
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	416.60	443.20	+9.60	2.97
Equity Acc	784.50	834.60	+18.00	2.97
Equity Income	88.75	94.41†	+2.55	5.20
European	92.69	98.61†	+2.66	1.67
Far Eastern	153.50	163.30	+5.10	0.36
Fixed Interest	49.52	52.68	+0.31	8.00
Gilt	89.99	95.43	+0.29	6.80
Global Growth	61.42	65.34	+2.89	1.04
Intl Bond	56.92	60.55	+1.63	5.40
Japanese	53.62	57.04	+1.97	...
Overseas Equity	89.78	95.51	+3.35	0.87
Pacific Gth	75.59	80.41	+1.99	1.49
North American	143.10	152.20†	+9.00	1.11
UK Recovery	74.05	78.76	+1.98	2.62
UK Smllr Cos	97.10	103.30†	+2.20	2.04
Worldwide	72.30	76.91	+2.03	2.68
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	312.00	332.00	+7.80	3.11
-do- Acc	675.80	719.00	+16.90	3.11
Contl Euro Gth	49.21	51.80	+1.48	1.46
-do- Acc	52.04	54.78	+1.56	1.46
Extra Inc	235.20	250.30	+9.20	4.11
-do- Acc	572.10	608.70	+22.60	4.11
German Gth	95.95	101.00	+1.87	0.27
-do- Acc	100.70	106.00	+2.00	0.27
Income	441.30	469.50	+11.70	3.81
-do- Acc	1118.0	1190.0	+30.00	3.81
Japan Growth	73.97	78.70	+3.38	0.01
-do- Acc	74.22	78.96	+3.37	0.01
Master Trust	50.64	53.88	+1.34	1.38
-do- Acc	55.08	58.60	+1.46	1.38
N American Gen	194.40	206.90	+12.30	0.01
-do- Acc	224.50	238.90	+14.10	0.01
Nam Sm Co Rec	144.40	153.70	+10.00	0.01
-do- Acc	147.30	156.80	+10.10	0.01
Pacific Basin	182.00	193.70	+4.70	0.51
-do- Acc	192.40	204.70	+5.80	0.51
Small Cos Rec	285.80	300.90	+3.70	2.43
-do- Acc	366.70	388.20	+4.70	2.42
UK Growth	76.73	81.63	+0.38	2.48
-do- Acc	89.46	95.18	+0.44	2.48
Worldwide Gth	267.10	284.30	+15.00	0.23
-do- Acc	393.60	418.80	+19.20	0.23
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	76.05	81.60	+1.76	3.00
Income	58.66	62.94	+1.68	6.00
International	54.04	57.98	+2.04	0.80
American	61.95	66.47	+3.76	0.30
Japan	39.64	42.53	+2.10	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.15	57.03	+3.37	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	403.40	426.40†	+27.30	0.77
-do- Acc	497.80	526.10	+34.60	0.77
American Rec	419.20	444.30	+36.40	0.57
-do- Acc	479.60	508.30	+41.60	0.57
Am Sm Co Acc	124.80	131.90	+7.70	0.08
Australia Acc	129.10	136.60	+6.60	1.77
Capital	603.60	638.30†	+12.80	3.18
-do- Acc	666.00	704.20	+23.10	3.16
Commodity Acc	371.20	392.60	+23.80	1.40
Compnd Gth	789.40	834.80	+22.10	3.35
Dividend	33.00	35.30	+1.00	4.70
-do- Acc	128.60	137.50	+4.10	4.70
Equity Inc	280.80	300.50	−10.60	5.70
European Div	55.10	58.90†	+1.50	5.08
-do- Acc	62.30	66.50	+1.60	5.08
European Gen	361.50	382.30†	+9.80	1.65
-do- Acc	451.60	477.60	+12.10	1.65
Extra Yield	349.90	374.40	+12.80	5.00
-do- Acc	1005.5	1075.9	+36.60	5.00
Far Eastern	249.40	263.70	+15.00	1.58
-do- Acc	327.10	345.90	+19.70	1.58
Fund of Inv	479.60	507.20	+28.60	2.44
-do- Acc	865.40	915.20	+51.60	2.44
General	51.20	54.10†	+1.50	3.98
-do- Acc	134.80	142.50	+4.00	3.98
Gilt Fxd Int	60.60	60.60†	−0.80	9.03
do Acc	149.70	149.80	+0.30	9.03
Gold	33.30	35.60†	+1.80	2.35
-do- Acc	38.90	41.60	+2.10	2.35
High Inc	23.00	24.30	+0.70	5.21
-do- Acc	85.20	90.00	+2.60	5.21
Intl Growth	65.10	69.00†	+3.10	1.07
-do- Acc	112.20	118.90	+5.30	1.07
Intl Inc	87.50	93.20	+4.40	5.26
Japan Gen Acc	39.70	41.90	+2.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	112.50	118.90	+7.10	...
Midland	50.30	53.20	+1.60	4.59
-do- Acc	159.20	168.40	+5.90	4.59
Recovery	33.70	36.10†	+1.10	3.47
-do- Acc	52.90	56.70	+1.70	3.47
Second Gen	56.90	60.20†	+2.00	3.98
-do- Acc	139.10	147.10	+4.70	3.96
Smaller Cos	54.90	58.10†	+0.90	3.84
-do- Acc	104.20	110.20	+3.60	3.84
Trustee	36.30	38.40	+1.10	4.33
Charifund 3	‡109.06	...†	−2.31	9.89
Charifund 2	598.60	604.60†	+10.30	5.29
Pension ex 1	836.00	856.90	+21.20	4.63
NAACIF Inc 3	344.50	...†	...	7.99
-do- Acc 3	‡1050.0	...	−26.25	7.99
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	130.00	139.00†	+3.80	2.58
-do- Acc	144.30	154.40†	+4.20	2.58
UK Income	107.00	114.50†	+2.90	3.14
-do- Acc	119.40	127.60†	+3.10	3.14
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	74.33	79.49†	+4.43	0.63
Far East (Pacific)	115.90	123.00	+3.90	0.47
Income Growth	68.46	72.67†	−0.36	4.45
European	62.22	66.05†	+0.44	2.09
Nth American	59.09	62.72	+4.04	1.15
UK Growth	73.25	77.75	+0.76	1.52
Intl Growth	85.43	90.68	+4.33	0.57
Charities	104.80	111.20†	+1.50	4.71
Intl Income	62.51	66.35	+1.85	4.83
Japan	39.50	41.93	+1.57	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	198.40	210.50	+14.10	...
-do- Acc	212.10	225.00	+15.20	...
Cash	100.30	100.30†	+0.10	6.54
-do- Acc	127.70	127.70†	+0.10	6.54
European Gth	188.80	200.40	+6.70	0.35
-do- Acc	202.10	214.50	+7.20	0.35
General	449.20	479.20	+7.80	2.67
-do- Acc	842.10	898.30	+14.50	2.67
Global Dist	133.20	139.90	+3.40	5.28
-do- Acc	146.00	153.40	+3.80	5.28
Income	135.20	144.00	+3.00	5.06
-do- Acc	194.40	207.20	+4.40	5.06
International	359.40	382.70	+18.60	1.09
-do- Acc	476.70	507.60	+24.20	1.09
Japan	146.70	155.60†	+6.80	...
-do- Acc	150.60	159.70†	+6.90	...
New Europe	128.20	136.80†	+1.50	1.46
-do- Acc	130.40	139.10†	+3.80	1.46
Recovery	276.10	294.60	+8.20	3.25
-do- Acc	345.00	368.10	+10.30	3.25
European Inc	72.18	76.62†	+1.64	3.06
-do- Acc	91.57	97.21†	+2.10	3.06
Brit Blue Chip	70.35	74.92	+0.97	3.56
-do- Acc	82.37	87.73	+1.14	3.56
Portfolio	71.86	76.41	+1.57	3.16
-do- Acc	80.52	85.62	+1.76	3.16
Gold General	56.83	60.62	+4.64	4.00
-do- Acc	57.60	61.45	+4.70	4.00
Pacific	82.06	87.52	+3.84	0.65
-do- Acc	86.74	92.52	+4.06	0.65
UK Smaller Cos	48.53	51.77	+1.39	1.72
-do- Acc	53.98	57.58	+1.56	1.72
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 200. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.18	60.09	+0.95	3.71
-do- Acc	56.18	60.09	+0.95	3.71
British Dist	76.66	81.98	+1.65	2.42
-do- Acc	84.66	90.55	+1.82	2.42
European Gth	160.00	174.00	+6.80	0.36
-do- Acc	204.70	218.40	+8.50	0.36
Extra High Inc	66.42	71.04†	+1.31	6.80
-do- Acc	115.50	123.50	+2.30	6.80
Gilt Fixed Int	55.96	58.31	+0.17	7.12
-do- Acc	145.20	151.40	+0.50	7.12
High Yield	210.10	224.70	+5.20	5.27
-do- Acc	482.00	515.50	+11.70	5.27
Income	266.80	285.40†	+2.20	4.12
-do- Acc	554.50	593.10	+11.80	4.12
Japan Gth	262.60	280.80	+12.30	...
-do- Acc	271.10	290.30	+12.80	...
Mandarin Acc	87.18	93.24	+4.34	1.34
North American	169.60	181.40	+10.40	0.73
-do- Acc	213.20	228.00	+12.90	0.73
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	263.60	280.70†	+23.60	0.45
Deposit Inc	100.37	100.37	+0.09	5.07
Deposit Acc	121.19	121.19	+0.10	5.07
Euro Gth Acc	245.03	261.50†	+9.05	...
Europa	112.20	120.40†	+3.40	...
Intl Gth	157.20	167.80	+7.40	...
Japan Tracker	58.02	61.47	+2.63	...
UK Equity Inc	139.30	149.90	+3.30	5.24
-do- Acc	167.70	180.50	+4.00	5.24
UK Ind Tracker	138.50	148.30†	+2.00	3.57
US Eq Ind Trkr	196.40	209.90	+12.40	1.25
-do- Acc	206.60	220.80	+13.00	1.25
Asian Trader	133.00	144.20	+8.80	1.06
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	178.40	182.50†	+10.20	2.45
European	58.52	59.87	+2.01	1.33
Olympiad	51.78	53.08†	+2.16	0.72
Global Bond	46.80	47.32†	+0.17	7.10
Smaller Cos	58.24	60.74	+1.37	2.16
Equity Income	90.51	93.01	+2.08	5.04
UK Growth	81.80	84.39	+1.47	1.72
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	49.15	52.42	+2.91	0.73
Australian Acc	265.80	285.10	+11.10	...
Conscience	61.63	65.77	+0.57	1.70
-do- Acc	66.17	70.61	+0.60	1.70
European	164.10	175	+5.00	1.23
-do- Acc	175	186.60	+5.20	1.23
Extra Income	70.22	74.94	+0.60	5.70
-do- Acc	105.50	112.50	+1.30	5.70
Far East Gth	136.90	146.30	+4.30	0.08
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.60	59.91	−1.36	7.69
Gold	26.87	28.89	+1.09	...
-do- Acc	28.94	31.11	+1.17	...
Income	50.28	53.63	+0.61	5.31
-do- Acc	150.70	160.70	+1.80	5.31
International	28.10	30.15	+1.31	0.90
-do- Acc	40.37	43.31	+1.87	0.90
Jap Sm Cos Acc	243.40	259.60	+9.30	...
S pore Mly Acc	147.60	158.20	+5.90	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.41	25.17	+0.32	2.07
Special Sits	31.39	33.64	+0.75	1.81
-do- Acc	35.70	38.38	−0.85	1.81
Tokyo	64.45	68.74	+3.18	...
-do- Acc	65.10	69.44	+3.22	...
US Smllr Co Acc	110.90	118.60	+6.40	...
UK Equity	155.10	165.40	+2.20	2.73
-do- Acc	287.50	306.60	+3.90	2.73
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	65.46	69.64	+1.52	2.99
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.76	78.06	+0.54	6.91
N&P Higher Inc	175.90	186.70†	+4.00	5.12
N&P UK Income	96.17	102.86	+2.57	4.21
N&P Intl	83.37	89.65	+3.45	2.21
N&P Smaller Cos	66.87	71.52	−1.02	1.97
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	154.29	164.14	+4.08	3.05
Global	257.80	274.26	+13.79	1.12
Income	190.48	202.64†	+4.29	4.48
Intl Bond	124.04	131.96	−3.23	7.43
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 580, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	135.30	142.40	+3.60	2.82
-do- Acc	234.20	246.50	+6.20	2.82
Income	211.40	224.90	+6.90	3.68
Intl Equity	204.50	217.50	+9.50	1.18
-do- Acc	223.90	238.10	+10.40	1.18
Equity	211.50	224.90	+5.50	2.68
-do- Acc	428.60	455.90	+11.10	2.68
UK Intl 25 Acc	66.17	70.39	+2.06	2.17
UK Income	57.62	61.30†	+1.79	3.44
UK Smllr Co Acc	65.77	69.96	+1.70	1.84
New Europe Acc	59.51	63.31	+1.99	1.71
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	79.65	85.19	+3.57	0.24
PEP Gth Inc	93.78	100.31	+4.25	1.24
Intl Gth	442.31	473.06	+20.17	1.36
Income	275.13	294.26	+7.62	4.23
W wide Recov	274.95	294.07	+12.17	0.98
American Gth	204.91	219.16	+12.28	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	168.14	179.83	+6.88	0.24
Far East Gth	169.22	180.99	+8.46	0.36
European Gth	106.44	113.85	+4.19	1.21
UK Growth	70.76	75.68	+1.61	3.17
High Income	75.37	80.61†	+2.31	5.13
Japanese Gth	154.63	164.78	+6.19	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	165.60	176.20	+5.90	0.81
High Income	104.10	110.80	+2.00	3.84
Conv Gilt	108.70	115.60	+2.50	6.65
Far East	278.00	295.70	+8.90	0.12
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	51.32	54.60	+2.65	0.54
Emerging Mkts	56.85	60.48	+3.02	0.24
General	46.51	49.48	+0.99	3.46
International	80.14	85.26	+3.79	1.34
Gilt Units	24.98	25.75†	−0.34	8.26
Global PEP	34.44	36.64	−1.39	2.13
Income Gth	61.27	65.18†	+1.89	5.40
European	42.00	44.68	+1.84	1.19
Gilts/Fixed Int	25.47	27.10	+0.49	6.15
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricebank 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst **	28.52	30.50	+1.04	1.84
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	102.03	102.03	+0.33	5.89
-do- Acc	103.82	103.82	+0.34	5.89
Pru Equity	642.10	686.73	+11.87	2.73
Pru Equity Inc	77.93	83.34	+0.77	4.35
Pru European	165.94	177.47	+7.09	1.90
Pru Global Gth	74.42	79.59†	+2.33	1.61
Pru High Inc	83.41	89.20†	+2.56	5.49
Pru Intl	147.30	157.54†	+6.67	1.37
Pru Intl Sm Co	63.11	67.49	+3.25	0.95
Pru Japanese	139.69	149.40	+6.22	...
Pru Nth Amer	148.34	158.65	+10.69	0.44
Pru Pacific Mkt	67.18	71.85†	+3.01	1.96
Pru Premr Inc	48.82	50.84†	+0.12	7.53
Pru Smllr Cos	77.78	83.18	+1.69	2.52
Pru Spec Sits	94.89	101.48†	+0.92	2.63
Pru UK Grwth	107.18	114.63	+2.25	2.53
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	151.09	162.63	+3.92	3.81
Japan	211.71	227.00	+9.08	...
Major UK Cos	91.85	98.86	+1.90	2.69
America Income	477.65	511.69	+31.77	0.64
-do- Acc	554.79	594.33	+36.90	0.64
Smllr UK Cos	244.83	266.93	+7.75	2.01
Smllr European	237.35	253.05	+6.05	1.67
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	73.01	77.66	+5.24	3.66
Capital Units	136.50	145.20	+4.80	1.61
Commodity	93.17	99.11	+6.64	1.35
European Gth	144.30	153.50	+5.70	1.51
Financial Sec	163.60	174.00	+7.10	2.04
High Return	206.30	219.40†	+4.60	4.95
High Yield	200.70	213.50	+3.80	4.39
Income Units	104.70	111.30†	+2.10	5.75
Investment	163.70	174.10	+9.30	1.70
Japan Gth	109.80	116.80	+5.50	...
Japan Smaller	149.50	159.00	+7.00	...
Masterfund	43.58	46.36	+1.89	1.26
Scotbits	241.20	256.50†	+9.90	2.15
Scotshares	242.60	258.00	+3.00	3.04
Scotyields	219.70	233.70	+3.40	4.31
Select Intl	122.30	130.10	+6.40	0.71
Smaller Cos	207.00	220.20	+5.90	4.72
Special Situation	104.10	110.70	+2.90	0.86
UK Equity	215.00	228.70†	+3.30	2.52
US Growth	145.20	154.40	+11.20	0.29
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	249.14	265.74	+14.34	0.68
-do- Acc	269.15	287.08	+15.49	0.68
Australian	118.78	126.69†	+4.27	0.28
-do- Acc	139.18	148.45	+5.47	0.28
UK Enterprise	193.89	206.81†	+3.51	3.15
-do- Acc	223.95	238.88	+4.06	3.15
European Gth	60.31	64.33†	+2.31	1.35
-do- Acc	62.44	66.59	+2.39	1.35
Euro Smllr Cos	53.45	57.01†	+1.60	0.72
-do- Acc	53.82	57.40	+1.61	0.72
Far Eastern Gth	61.78	65.89†	+3.60	...
-do- Acc	62.86	67.04	+3.75	...
Fixed Interest	52.36	55.21	+0.20	8.30
-do- Acc	62.73	66.13	+0.23	8.30
Gilt Income	102.91	108.46	+0.44	8.75
-do- Acc	139.14	146.64	+0.59	8.75
Income	293.82	313.40	+9.24	4.58
-do- Acc	851.08	907.76	+26.75	4.58
Japan Enterprise	51.30	54.72	+2.60	...
-do- Acc	51.30	54.72	+2.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	322.66	344.17†	+16.35	...
-do- Acc	323.31	344.86	+16.39	...
Pacific Gth	78.68	83.92†	+3.05	0.57
-do- Acc	81.13	86.54	+3.71	0.57
Smaller Cos	176.57	188.34†	+5.56	1.33
-do- Acc	202.36	215.85	+6.38	1.33
Tokyo	82.36	87.85	+3.19	...
-do- Acc	83.20	88.73	+3.21	...
UK Equity	197.07	210.20†	+5.18	3.27
-do- Acc	364.92	389.25	+9.59	3.27
US Smllr Cos	131.10	139.84	+8.44	...
-do- Acc	131.10	139.84	+8.44	...
World Fd	66.65	71.09†	+1.17	1.76
-do- Acc	70.34	75.03	+1.88	1.76
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	41.51	44.21	+0.83	4.53
Equity Strategy	60.71	64.66	+1.27	2.10
European Opps	68.50	72.92	+2.39	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.52	100.03	+3.12	5.91
UK Smaller Cos	47.45	50.54	+1.36	3.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	334.30	357.50	+6.10	3.03
American	256.90	272.60	+16.80	0.88
Pacific	275.30	294.40	+11.70	0.94
European	430.80	460.70	+15.00	1.33
Worldwide	74.99	80.20	+1.72	1.73
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	297.60	316.60	+5.90	3.16
UK Sm Cos Eqty	189.90	202.10	+4.10	3.17
European	316.80	337.10	+8.70	1.56
North American	261.10	277.80	+18.30	0.61
Income Plus Inc	62.64	66.64	+0.85	3.56
UK Spec Sits	64.80	68.94	+1.44	2.70
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 556 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.64	26.37	+0.61	3.14
Intl Growth Acc	26.48	28.34	+0.93	1.28
Global Inc Acc	29.75	31.84	+0.34	4.25
Market Ldrs Acc	24.93	26.68†	+0.55	3.15
SG TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	86.48	92.49	+6.12	...
Euro Spec Sits	41.28	43.86	+0.81	...
-do- Acc	43.71	46.44	+0.86	...
Far East Opps	28.51	30.72	+1.64	...
-do- Acc	29.30	31.57	+1.69	...
General Growth	96.85	103.80†	+2.30	...
Global Tech	125.90	135.80	+6.70	...
Income Growth	97.81	105.10†	+3.00	3.93
Income Monthly	55.62	59.48	−0.07	5.28
Japan Growth	63.44	67.45	+3.40	...
Overseas Gth	71.25	75.85	+3.54	...
Smaller Cos	67.91	73.02	+1.23	1.94
Special Opps	91.84	98.75†	+2.77	2.13
Wld Spec Sits	42.96	46.25†	+1.86	...
-do- Acc	43.06	46.36†	+1.87	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	42.40	45.06	+1.29	1.85
Equity Gth Acc	57.50	61.10	+0.55	1.19
UK Eq General	41.39	43.98	−0.71	2.27
-do- Acc	54.31	57.71	−0.94	2.27
European Acc	39.59	42.07	−1.35	1.51
Far East Acc	45.90	48.77	−2.29	0.40
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.92	31.65	−0.11	6.71
N American Acc	46.24	49.14	+3.37	0.80
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	254.00	275.60	+15.40	1.75
UK Eq High Inc	34.43	36.59	+0.75	3.87
-do- Acc	40.33	42.86	−0.96	3.87
UK Lgr Cos Inc	283.50	307.70	+4.90	3.67
UK Lgr Cos Acc	364.70	395.80	+5.30	3.57
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$253.37	NZ$253.57	+0.05	1.10
US Eq	$2.052	$2.179	+0.09	0.85
Far East Eq	Y199.4	Y211.7	+2.60	...
Japan Eq	Y198.8	Y211.2	+4.60	...
FT Europe	112.10	119.00	+3.00	1.63
FT North Am	$1.726	$1.833	+0.04	0.50
FT Japan	Y197.0	Y208.5	+1.10	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	108.70	115.40	+4.20	1.20
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	361.90	384.20	+26.40	0.28
British	910.70	963.50	+17.20	4.67
European	353.90	376.90	+6.60	1.69
Japan	115.70	123.10	+6.40	...
New Pacific	275.70	293.60	+14.10	1.42
Mngd Cash	95.78	95.76	+0.08	5.74
Majority Stlg	99.95	100.95	+0.08	5.88
Inv Tst	178.80	189.50	+9.10	2.05
Saints PPP	342.40	360.40	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	708.40	757.70†	+17.80	2.60
N America Acc	119.80	128.10†	+9.80	0.25
Far East Acc	107.00	114.40†	+3.30	0.35
W wide Bond	61.18	64.95	+2.15	5.40
European	78.40	83.85	+2.17	0.75
Equity Income	79.66	85.20	+3.36	4.20
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	35.03	37.47	+2.06	0.76
Managed Assets	114.76	122.74†	+2.58	3.56
UK Income	35.70	38.19	+0.98	3.94
UK Growth	35.53	38.01	+0.77	3.78
Worldwide Gth	28.94	30.96	+1.23	0.59
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	206.55	219.73	+14.01	0.20
-do- Acc	226.86	241.34	+15.40	0.20
British Gth	83.37	88.69	+1.17	2.23
-do- Acc	97.29	103.50	+1.37	2.23
European	89.32	95.02†	+4.13	0.84
-do- Acc	94.22	100.23†	+4.35	0.84
Extra Inc	180.18	191.68	+4.86	4.57
-do- Acc	292.96	300.92	+7.62	4.57
General Unit	256.33	272.69†	+5.98	2.57
-do- Acc	505.68	537.96†	+11.91	2.57
Income	307.66	327.30	+1.61	3.78
-do- Acc	626.65	666.65	+3.28	3.78
International	479.26	509.85	+23.77	0.63
-do- Acc	626.47	666.46	+31.08	0.63
Pacific	300.98	320.20	+11.59	...
-do- Acc	315.22	335.34	+12.12	...
Premier Income	49.74	51.81†	−0.58	7.21
-do- Acc	102.12	106.38†	+1.19	7.21
Nat Resources	88.27	93.90	+4.26	...
-do- Acc	96.79	102.97	+4.67	...
Selected Oppr	90.17	95.93	+0.79	1.29
-do- Acc	112.61	119.80	+0.99	1.28
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS				
Chariton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	129.10	137.80	+9.40	0.22
Australia	6.521	7.000†	+0.30	1.14
Equity	177.30	189.50†	+4.60	5.40
Euro Spec Sits	139.00	147.70	+5.50	0.59
Financial	37.51	40.17	+1.61	3.02
Global Opps Inc	86.09	91.93	+3.84	2.19
-do- Acc	89.24	95.29	+4.02	2.19
Gold Gen Inc	38.63	41.30	+2.07	1.07
-do- Acc	73.70	78.90	+4.05	1.07
Income	115.00	123.10	+2.60	5.01
Japan General	119.20	126.80	+6.00	...
Preference	21.48	23.07†	+0.27	7.86
UK Capital	99.68	106.60†	+1.20	3.16
Worldwide Cap	191.70	204.70†	+5.90	3.14
World Income	80.86	86.16†	+3.79	3.53
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	71.60	76.37	+4.14	...
-do- Acc	73.65	78.77	+4.28	...
Cash	51.22	51.22	+0.05	6.24
-do- Acc	60.96	60.96	+0.06	6.24
European Opps	59.93	63.83	+2.60	0.46
-do- Acc	60.56	64.50	+2.64	0.46
Far East Opps	132.32	141.14	+6.28	0.69
-do- Acc	135.41	144.43	+6.42	0.69
Gold/Nat. Res	34.63	36.93	+2.41	...
-do- Acc	35.62	37.99	+2.49	...
Japan	61.55	65.64	+2.98	...
-do- Acc	61.55	65.64	+2.98	...
Little Dragons	62.83	67.01	+4.11	0.74
-do- Acc	64.45	68.74	+4.22	0.74
Oriental Income	38.75	41.33	+2.00	3.85
-do- Acc	48.92	52.18	+2.53	3.85
Tiger	200.03	213.36	+12.78	1.23
-do- Acc	209.23	223.17	+13.36	1.23
UK Small Cos	66.31	70.91	+2.80	2.30
-do- Acc	76.04	81.32	+3.23	2.30
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS				
Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	217.70	232.20	+4.80	4.53
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	9.71	10.32	+0.22	0.50
Pacific Basin	28.40	30.21	+1.01	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.86	38.14	+1.08	0.10
Global Bond	$0.947	$0.986	−0.01	7.29
Penny Share	19.86	21.12	+0.67	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.10	52.10†	+0.04	6.23
Gilt Growth	64.48	67.11	+0.10	...
Gilt Income	51.85	53.96	+0.02	8.00
Short Dtd Gilt	109.40	110.80	−0.40	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.708	$0.717	0.00	...
Challenger	92.54	94.73	+3.14	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388846				
Stockmarket Fd	65.62	69.90	+1.57	2.22

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	4,000	Coats Vyla	2,000	Legal & Gn	1,400	Scot & New	351
Alld-Lyons	1,700	Cm Union	821	Lloyds Bk	4,500	Scot Power	4,400
Anglian W	2,500	Courtaulds	500	MB Cardn	3,100	Sears	2,100
Argyll Gp	2,100	De La Rue	455	Marks Spr	4,000	Svrn Trent	2,000
Arjo Wig	3,500	Eng China	1,500	NFC	2,200	Shell Trans	5,200
AB Foods	441	Enterpr Oil	2,500	NatWst Bk	14,000	Siebe	522
BAA	1,400	Fisons	4,000	Nat Power	725	SmKl Bch	4,000
BAT Inds	2,500	Forte	1,900	Nth Wst W	1,600	Smith Nph	1,100
BOC	1,200	GRE	1,800	Nthrn Fds	3,800	Smith (WH)	903
BP	8,500	GUS A	804	P & O	2,600	Sthrn Elec	531
BT	7,100	Gen Acc	1,100	Pearson	726	Std Chartd	384
BTR	5,600	Gen Elec	2,300	PowerGen	281	Sun Allnce	1,800
Bk of Scot	2,000	Glaxo	4,000	Prudential	2,900	TI Gp	1,900
Barclays	9,800	Granada	1,200	RTZ	1,900	TSB	6,100
Bass	1,500	Grand Met	3,700	Rank Org	1,200	Tate & Lyle	1,400
Blue Circle	972	Guinness	5,300	Reckitt Col	964	Tesco	3,300
Boots	2,500	HSBC	7,200	Redland	2,300	Thames W	2,300
Bowater	724	Hanson	7,300	Reed Intl	445	Thrn EMI	1,300
Brit Airwys	5,600	ICI	2,500	Rentokil	825	Tomkins	2,400
Brit Gas	5,400	Inchcape	602	Reuters	454	Unilever	495
Brit Steel	11,000	Kingfisher	2,700	Rothmans	117	Utd Bisc	1,100
Burmah C	176	Kwik Save	467	Ryl Ins	2,700	Vodafone	1,500
Cable Wire	2,000	LASMO	4,700	Ryl Bk Scot	3,500	Wellcome	2,900
Cadbury	1,100	Ladbroke	1,500	Sainsbury	2,500	Whitbd 'A'	784
Carlton C	1,700	Land Secs	1,600	Scot Hydro	477	Wlms Hld	1,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3442.41 (+25.67)
S&P Composite 449.53 (-0.03)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 17332.90 (+142.27)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 5747.21 (-30.80)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 97.7 (+1.8)

Sydney: AO 1543.3 (+11.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1641.40 (+39.79)

FT 30 share: 2218.6 (-0.3)

Brussels:
General 6009.34 (+90.45)

Paris: CAC n/a

Zurich: SKA Gen 478.0 (+6.2)

London:
FT A All-Share 1395.67 (-0.37)
FT 500 1536.37 (-2.04)
FT Gold Mines 79.0 (+0.7)
FT Fixed Interest 110.98 (same)
FT Govt Secs 95.37 (-0.04)
Bargains 35741
SEAQ Volume 691.9m
USM (Datastrm) 130.05 (+0.32)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 25	February 12	May 6	May 17

Call options were taken out on 5/2/93: Acorn Comp, Avesco, Br Data Management, Burnfield, Emess, Euro Disney, Govett & Co, Hanson Wts, Kalon, MTM, Nat Home Loan Prf, Suter, Tadpole.
Puts: Burnfield, Br Data Management, Tay Homes, Tiphook. Put & Call: BM Group.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2877.0	2897.0	2856.0	2874.0	11263
Previous open interest: 56890	Jun 93	2905.0	2905.0	2905.0	2886.5	100
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	94.30	94.34	94.22	94.26	18540
Previous open interest: 293252	Jun 93	94.73	94.78	94.68	94.73	6602
	Sep 93	94.84	94.88	94.79	94.82	3374
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.68	96.71	96.66	96.71	983
Previous open interest: 20174	Jun 93	96.47	96.51	96.46	96.51	615
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	92.18	92.23	92.14	92.16	30018
Previous open interest: 455306	Jun 93	93.06	93.12	93.03	93.05	34108
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	107-26	108-04	107-16	108-04	119
Previous open interest: 817	Jun 93				106-28	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	101-16	101-23	101-04	101-19	45711
Previous open interest: 65764	Jun 93	102-27	103-02	102-20	103-01	373
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	109.60	109.66	109.60	109.65	901
	Jun 93	108.97	109.00	108.96	108.98	293
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	93.27	93.37	93.11	93.20	61331
Previous open interest: 148504	Jun 93	93.30	93.39	93.25	93.34	1154
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.70	90.96	90.70	90.96	1458
Previous open interest: 14576	Jun 93	91.68	91.94	91.68	91.90	791
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.93	94.96	94.88	94.88	2778
Previous open interest: 43716	Jun 93	95.25	95.27	95.21	95.24	968
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	96.80	97.23	96.55	97.16	17412
Previous open interest: 30320	Jun 93	96.68	97.08	96.68	97.04	27

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 77.7 (day's range 77.6-77.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 5	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6881-2.7033	2.6881-2.6915	3/8-1/4ds	1 1/8-1 3/8ds
Brussels	49.36-49.52	49.36-49.46	7-12ds	29-35ds
Copenhagen	9.1170-9.2250	9.1170-9.1380	6 3/8-8 1/8ds	15 1/4-14 1/4pr
Dublin	0.9785-0.9865	0.9787-0.9861	55-78ds	159-200ds
Frankfurt	2.3938-2.4028	2.3938-2.3970	3/8-1/2ds	1 1/8-1 3/8ds
Lisbon	215.74-217.50	215.74-216.19	117-128ds	385-411ds
Madrid	169.03-170.90	169.03-169.88	94-102ds	306-318ds
Milan	2197.90-2223.30	2197.90-2206.70	7-10ds	26-30ds
Montreal	1.8219-1.8278	1.8219-1.8240	0.10-0.04pr	0.10-0.14ds
New York	1.4455-1.4490	1.4460-1.4470	0.36-0.34pr	1.03-1.00pr
Oslo	10.0990-10.1660	10.1080-10.1310	1 3/4-3 3/4ds	7 1/2-9 7/8ds
Paris	8.0680-8.1270	8.0680-8.0890	3-3 3/8ds	10 3/4-11 3/8ds
Stockholm	10.7190-10.8060	10.7580-10.7810	1 7/8-4 3/8ds	8 5/8-11 1/4ds
Tokyo	179.76-180.82	179.76-179.98	1/2-3/8pr	1 1/4-1 1/8pr
Vienna	16.83-16.91	16.83-16.88	1 5/8-2 3/4ds	6 1/8-7 3/4ds
Zurich	2.2008-2.2151	2.2008-2.2038	1/4pr-par	1/2-1/4pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4451-1.4476
Australia dollar	2.1451-2.1483
Bahrain dinar	0.539-0.551
Brazil cruzeiro *	24328.2-24345.3
Cyprus pound	0.70-0.71
Finland marka	8.207-8.323
Greece drachma	317.25-324.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.1756-11.1849
India rupee	42.76-43.72
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4435-0.4535
Malaysia ringgit	3.7974-3.8030
Mexico peso	4.43-4.53
New Zealand dollar	2.8112-2.8188
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3595-5.4855
Singapore dollar	2.3864-2.3903
S Africa rand (fin)	6.64-6.80
S Africa rand (com)	4.5155-4.5217
U A E dirham	5.248-5.372

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4845-1.4856
Austria	11.65-11.67
Belgium (Com)	34.18-34.22
Canada	1.2600-1.2605
Denmark	6.32-6.33
France	5.59-5.60
Germany	1.6555-1.6565
Hong Kong	7.734-7.735
Ireland	1.4625-1.4725
Italy	1523.0-1528.0
Japan	124.67-124.72
Malaysia	2.628-2.630
Netherlands	1.860-1.862
Norway	6.98-6.99
Portugal	149.85-150.05
Singapore	1.6515-1.6530
Spain	117.0-117.5
Sweden	7.4255-7.4355
Switzerland	1.5262-1.5272

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: [illegible] Low: [illegible] Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open 5½, close 6.					
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.05-3.02	n/a	3.12-3.09	3.23-3.20	3.56-3.53
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £492m allotted: £100m; Bids: £98.67% received: 33%; Last week: £98.645% received: 99%; Avge rate: £5.3246% last wk £5.4349%; Next week: £100m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $327.80-328.20 Close: $327.90-328.30 High: $328.00-328.50
Low: $326.40-326.90 Krugerrand: $327.00-329.00 (£225.00-227.00)
Sovereigns: Old $78.00-81.00 (£52.00-54.00) New $78.00-81.00 (£52.00-54.00)
Platinum: $360.75 (£249.50) Silver: $3.68 (£2.535) Palladium: $114.90 (£79.45)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	550	62	72	79	5	20	27
(*595)	600	27	42	51	27	43	49
ASDA	57	6½	10½	13	5	6	9
(*60½)	67	4	6½	9	9½	11½	14
Bass	550	70	82	95	6	16	20
(*602)	600	34	50	62	22	36	40
Boots	460	54	62	70	5	14	18
(*502)	500	26	37	46	17	31	35
Br Airways	280	26	33	38	10	20	25
(*295½)	300	16	23	28	19	31	35
BP	240	31	37	41	4½	8½	14
(*267)	260	16	25	30	10	17	22
	280	7½	15	19	22	28	32
Br Steel	70	13½	16½	18½	3½	6½	8½
(*79)	80	7	11	13½	8	11	13
C & W	700	43	62	73	21	38	47
(*717½)	750	19	37	50	48	66	74
CU	600	35	48	56	20	31	40
(*622½)	650	11	26	35	52	60	69
Courtauld	550	44	56	66	15	28	35
(*573)	600	18	32	42	41	55	61
GKN	460	22	32	41	23	32	37
(*465)	500	7	17	24	54	59	62
Grnd Met	420	48	60	67	7	16	22
(*456½)	460	22	37	44	22	33	40
ICI	1100	54	82	90	50	69	87
(*1128½)	1150	31	62	77	80	97	117
	1200	16	45	52	117	132	149
Kingfishr	500	45	54	60	11	22	30
(*520½)	550	16	30	39	35	49	55
Ladbroke	200	17	25	31	15	25	30
(*202½)	220	10	17	24	31	37	43
Land Sec	460	40	47	50	5	17	21
(*485)	500	15	23	28	21	41	42
M & S	330	21	28	37	9	17	20
(*341)	360	8	15	22	26	34	36
Sainsbury	550	32	44	53	16	29	36
(*559)	600	11	22	32	43	57	63
Shell	550	42	54	60	8½	15	23
(*588½)	600	11	26	33	34	40	47
Smkl Bch	460	24	38	48	21	32	36
(*456½)	500	10	23	32	48	56	61
Storehse	200	18	26	30	10	17	19
(*203½)	220	10	17	22	22	28	31
Trafalgar	90	11	14	18	8	11	13
(*91)	100	6½	11	13	13	17	18
Unilever	1100	74	91	110	18	32	41
(*1150½)	1150	37	60	82	42	56	64
Utd Bisc	360	26	32	37	13	19	25
(*377)	390	11	17	24	31	37	43

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA	750	49	68	78	4	15	27
(*788½)	800	13	36	49	21	36	48
BAT Ind	950	55	64	79	6	32	42
(*991½)	1000	18	39	53	24	59	68
BTR	550	17	26	37	7	22	27
(*559½)	600	2	8½	17	44	56	59
Br Aero	260	18	40	52	10	32	42
(*272)	280	11	31	41	23	44	55
Br Telcm	420	7½	21	27	9	16	26
(*422½)	460	1	6½	11	42	43	52
Cadbury	460	15	24	34	7	24	29
(*464)	500	3	10	18	36	49	54
Guinness	460	28	40	48	4½	19	27
(*482½)	500	6½	19	33	23	41	46
GEC	280	20	27	31	2½	6½	13
(*295½)	300	6	15	20	8½	15	22
Hanson	260	5½	12	17	5	13½	17½
(*262)	280	1	5	8	21	26	29½
LASMO	160	10	19	28	6½	17	23
(*166)	180	3½	11	15	18	30	35
Lucas	140	13	22	25	4½	12	15
(*147½)	160	4	11	15	16	25	28
P & O	550	29	47	56	8	37	47
(*569)	600	7	24	34	37	70	77
Pilkngtn	100	11	19	24	4½	10	15
(*107)	110	6	13	18	8	15	21
Prudential	300	21	27	31	2½	11	16
(*318)	330	4	12	17	16	27	32
RTZ	650	33	46	61	8	30	38
(*673)	700	8	24	38	35	59	67
Scot New	420	26	42	48	4½	12	23
(*439)	460	5	20	29	22	30	43
Tesco	240	13	24	26	3	11	14
(*251)	260	5	13	18	12	21	25
Thames W	460	41	50	55	2½	7½	16
(*497½)	500	10	22	30	13	21	34
Vodafone	390	17	34	42	7	18	27
(*401½)	420	5	19	28	25	35	43

FT-SE INDEX (*2864)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Feb	115	78	44	17	5	3
Mar	162	106	69	45	27	15
Apr	162	117	93	62	40	28
May	178	152	113	93	67	50
Jun	—	165	—	98	—	58
Puts						
Feb	6	11	26	54	95	143
Mar	21	32	50	75	117	148
Apr	32	45	72	96	123	159
May	48	60	65	105	133	167
Jun	—	83	—	113	—	180

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	360	19	36	34	15	21	27
(*368)	390	6	14	21	35	39	44
Amstrad	20	5½	6½	7	1½	1½	2½
(*24)	25	2½	3½	4	3½	4	4½
Barclays	420	23	33	41	24	32	43
(*430)	460	8	18	25	53	59	67
Blue Circ	220	20	26	32	10½	23	29
(*225)	240	9	19	25	24	36	42
Br Gas	260	34	35	38	2	6½	9
(*290)	280	17	20	25	5½	15	17
	300	6½	11	15	16½	26	29
Dixons	220	17	27	30	11	17	24
(*226)	240	9	17	21	23	28	35
Eurotnl	420	47	65	79	15	22	35
(*456)	460	20	40	55	35	47	57
Forte	180	15	19	24	8	19	22
(*185)	200	6	12	16	21	32	35
Glaxo	650	30	57	75	34	51	60
(*648½)	700	15	35	54	70	82	90
	750	6	23	37	110	122	125
HSBC	550	38	50	67	18	36	46
(*569)	600	16	29	45	46	66	73
Hillsdwn	140	17	22	26	6	14	18
(*148)	160	7	12	15	17	27	31
Lonrho	70	8	11½	14½	5½	8½	12
(*73½)	80	4	7½	10½	12	15	17½
Reuter	1400	50	84	113	59	90	108
(*1400)	1450	27	66	88	89	115	137
R-Royce	130	11½	16	19½	7½	13	15½
(*135)	140	6½	11½	15	13	17½	21
Sears	100	8	11	14	5	9	10
(*103)	110	4	6	9	11	14	17
Thrn Emi	800	73	91	99	6	16	32
(*860)	850	36	56	67	20	33	54
TSB	160	11	16	20	8	12	15
(*166½)	180	4	8	12	21	24	27
Vaal Reefs	30	6	6	6½	1½	4	4½
(*$34)	35	2	4	4½	5½	5½	8
Wellcome	850	49	76	99	26	47	60
(*864)	900	22	53	75	53	73	85
Series		**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Fisons	220	28	36	45	14	25	31
(*233)	240	18	28	36	25	37	43
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Eastrn Elc	400	30	43	-	3	11	-
(*433)	430	9	-	-	14	-	-
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Natl Pwr	280	25	34	37	5½	11	17
(*298)	300	13	22	26	14	19	26
Scot Pwr	200	26	30	34	1½	4	8½
(*223½)	220	9	17	21	5½	11	18

February 5, 1993 Tot: 32499 Call: 19610 Put: 12889 FT-SE Call: 2877 Put: 4044
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Late trade saw sterling ease back a little, and one keen buyer pushed wheat prices continually firmer during the session on little selling resistance. Prices raced to day highs by the close. Barley continued to see good volume short covering and prices following wheats lead were up by the days close. White sugar futures drifted lower during late trade, tracking a modest downturn in New York.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Mar	694-693	May	787-785
May	704-703	Jul	802-800
Jul	718-717	Sep	817-814
Sep	732-730	Dec	844-841
Dec	753-750		
Mar	772-770	Volume: 6124	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	932-930	Nov	941-932
May	931-930	Jan	960-940
Jul	919-917	Mar	975-950
Sep	925-923	Volume: 1065	

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow

Spot: 176.5		Oct	190.0-88.0
		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	184.0-82.0	Mar	197.0-93.0
May	192.0-90.0	May	198.0-97.0
Aug	194.0-92.0	Volume: 0	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters

Spot: 261.5		Oct	242.9-42.0
		Dec	243.4-41.0
Mar	252.7-52.5	Mar	243.9-40.5
May	254.9-54.5	May	246.9-41.5
Aug	257.8-57.1	Volume: 494	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 5

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	80.46	99.63	121.74
(+/-)	+0.91	+5.20	+2.31
Eng/Wales:	80.46	98.63	121.85
(+/-)	+0.91	+4.60	+1.90
(%)	-8.1	-38.3	-11.1
Scotland:	n/a	101.60	121.32
(+/-)	n/a	-6.01	-4.48
(%)	n/a	-11.0	+10.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Feb	unq	unq	May	unq	unq
Apr	unq	unq	Volume: 0		

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Mar 143.05
May 144.70
Jun 145.65
Sep 111.25
Nov 113.00
Volume: 422

BARLEY (close £/t)
Mar 138.05
May 139.00
Sep 108.95
Nov 112.00
Jan 114.75
Volume: 233

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Feb 162.00
Apr 157.00
Jun 147.00
Aug 148.00
Oct unq
Volume: 50

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	48.5	47.3
May	56.0	52.5
Apr	unq	87.0
Volume: 327		

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kilo)
Mar 69.75-69.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With the Opec meeting only one week away, the oil market was already in a holding pattern.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.60	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Feb)	18.65	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Mar)	18.50	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	20.20	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	20.20	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	191 (n/c)	193 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	173 (+1)	174 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	173 (n/c)	174 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Apr	172 (-1)	173 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	70 (-1)	71 (-1)
Naphtha	180 (-2)	182 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	169.75-70.00	May	170.25-70.75
Mar	171.00-71.25	Jun	170.50-70.75
Apr	170.50-70.75	Jul	171.75-72.00
		Vol: 17852	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	18.52-18.53	Jun	18.55 BID
Apr	18.51-18.53	Jul	18.57 BID
May	18.53-18.56	Vol: 20501	

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	190.50-91.00	May	200.00-05.00
Mar	193.00-94.25	Jun	198.00-02.00
Apr	200.00-01.00	Vol: 127	

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 93	1305	1300	1313
Mar 93	1328	1315	1328
Apr 93	1319	1305	1316
Jul 93	1175	1159	1178

Vol: 360 lots. Open int'st: 2689 Index 1292 +18

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1534.0-1534.5	1555.0-1555.5	566500
Lead (£/tonne)	289.50-290.50	299.50-300.00	63200
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1105.5-1106.0	1125.0-1126.0	276000
Tin ($/tonne)	5810.0-5812.0	5870.0-5875.0	7840
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1202.5-1203.0	1223.5-1224.0	522625
Nickel ($/tonne)	5875.0-5880.0	5940.0-5945.0	36456

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Injury and illness continue to hamper preparations for second Test match

Smith gives England welcome respite

FROM PETER BALL IN VISHAKHAPATNAM, INDIA

THANKS to Robin Smith and an unbeaten century partnership between Richard Blakey and John Emburey, England ended the first day of their match against the Rest of India in a comfortable position yesterday. Whether they did anything to clarify their batting problems before the second Test match in Madras, which starts next Thursday, is more questionable.

With Fairbrother failing conclusively, Smith ended any threat to his Test place by scoring 82 and holding the upper half of the order together. Even so, his weakness against spin almost cost him his wicket before he reached double figures, spooning a simple chance to mid-off immediately he was confronted with the slow left-arm spin of Utpal Chatterjee.

Fortunately for him, Padmanabhan put the chance down, and on balance Smith came out ahead, which was more than could be said for some other members of the squad as, once again, England were dogged by problems on and off the field.

Phil Tufnell's "dismay" at reports casting doubts over his commitment to England's cause prompted Bob Bennett, the tour manager, to issue a statement supporting the spinner and denying Tufnell had been warned over his attitude.

Then, as expected, Hick was confined to bed after becoming the latest victim of the virus that has been working its way through the team, and Gooch, who had intended to play, decided that his recovery was not complete and dropped out, calling up Stewart as his replacement. It was an unrewarding exercise for Stewart, who had faced five balls when Ankola rapped him painfully on the index finger with a short-pitched ball, and he retired hurt. An x-ray showed no break, and he intends to return later in the match, but it is hardly the best preparation for the Test.

At least Blakey, with an unbeaten 55, got in some useful practice. He and Emburey shored up England after another middle-order collapse, but the game so far has done little to suggest that the team will go to Madras in form or in full health. Smith revealing that the chest problems caused by the virus were still taking their toll.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First Innings

M A Atherton c Paranjpe b Ankola	33
*A J Stewart retired hurt	0
R A Smith (low b Prasad	82
N H Fairbrother b Kapoor	2
D A Reeve lbw b Kapoor	3
†R J Blakey not out	55
P A J DeFreitas c Yadav b Prasad	2
J E Emburey not out	43
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 1, nb 6)	10
Total (5 wkts)	230

FALL OF WICKETS 1-81, 2-91, 3-120, 4-127, 5-129

I D K Salisbury, P C R Tufnell and D E Malcolm to bat.

BOWLING: Ankola 22-6-81-1; Prasad 18-8-26-2; Chatterjee 12-1-33-0; Padmanabhan 19-6-31-0; Kapoor 23-6-49-2; Tendulkar 3-0-7-0.

REST OF INDIA XI: W V Raman, A R Khurasia, *S R Tendulkar, S V Manjrekar, J Paranjpe, †V Yadav, V Prasad, A Padmanabhan, A Kapoor, U Chatterjee, S A Ankola. Umpires: A V Jayaprakash and S Chowdhry.

The most apt comment on that, as Ted Dexter, the England chairman of selectors, reacted angrily to suggestions that he had blamed pollution for their failure in the first Test in Calcutta, came from the Indian environment minister, who said that he was planning to "institute a study on the effects of pollution on the trajectory of spin bowling".

Smith, for one, would be interested in the results, but it was not relevant yesterday. Some ordinary spin bowling provided few problems in the clear blue skies of Vishakhapatnam. Nestling between the Kailashgiri hills and the blue Bengal bay, with its whitewashed apartment blocks and hotels and pink terraced villas sloping up the hillsides, the Indira Priyadarshini municipal corporation stadium looks for all the world like a cricket ground planted beside the Mediterranean.

The outfield is red, revealing sandy soil, but the pitch yesterday played like any English green top, the ball seaming and bouncing on the fastest pitch England have encountered all tour. Ankola might not be the real thing, but he bowled with fizz in his first spell, making Atherton hop around as well as forcing Stewart's retirement.

It was, though, made for Smith, who was soon unleashing his favourite square cut and hooking with relish. The arrival of Chatterjee produced a moment or two of uncertainty, Smith's half-hit drive to his third ball giving an easy catch. Had it been accepted, the post mortem would have been long, but he was soon taking his revenge, going down the track to hit Chatterjee straight for six. Tendulkar reverted to pace soon after.

"Unfortunately I didn't bat for as long against the spinners as I would have liked," Smith said. "Maybe it was good thinking on Tendulkar's part not to let me see too much spin."

He was, though, encouraged that he is coming through. "I must be positive and back myself because when I do so it seems to come right for me," he said. "When I nearly got out it was because I was negative and tentative."

He had overcome his problems and was in full flow until the effects of the chest infection took their toll. "After three hours I got jaded," he said after Prasad ended an innings containing 14 fours and one six.

GRAHAM MORRIS



In the balance: Smith in ungainly pose yesterday on his way to making 82

SPORT IN BRIEF

British team enjoys encouraging start

BRITAIN had its best day in Alpine skiing for some years yesterday when Claire de Pourtales and the Bell brothers, Martin and Graham, made encouraging starts to the world championships in Morioka, Japan (David Powell writes). De Pourtales finished fourteenth in the first event, the women's combined. Having finished eleventh in the combined slalom on Thursday, her 27th in the combined downhill put her in the highest finishing position by a British skier at a world or Olympic championship since Martin Bell was eighth in the downhill at the 1988 Olympics. Miriam Vogt, of Germany, won the combined gold medal.

Of the two Bells in action in the men's combined downhill, Martin produced the better performance, finishing eighteenth. Graham was 26th. For both, it was a best result for three years. "It makes a change," Mike Jardine, the chief executive of the British Ski Federation, said with reference to all three skiers. "Martin and Graham have been skiing well in training and hopefully this is an indication of their return to form." Luc Alphand, of France, leads the men's combined after the downhill.

Foul play by Maloney

BOXING: Frank Maloney, the manager of Lennox Lewis, brought his "Chicken Bowe" campaign to New York yesterday — and almost landed in the soup. Maloney, who has been publicising Riddick Bowe's refusal to meet Lewis by depicting Bowe as a chicken, was found distributing "Chicken Bowe" postcards, which show Lewis almost knocking Bowe out of the ring in the Seoul Olympics, at the champion's hotel — by Bowe himself. So enraged was the champion that he was seen bearing down on Maloney. It was only through the intervention of Bowe's manager, Rock Newman, bystanders and a friend that Maloney was saved from being squashed by the 6ft 5in, 243lb champion. "And he says he wants to be an example to young people?" Maloney said.

Watson appointed

RUGBY LEAGUE: Stephen Watson, the chairman of Hull, was yesterday appointed manager of Great Britain until the end of the season (Christopher Irvine writes). Watson, who succeeds Maurice Lindsay, now chief executive of the Rugby Football League, will be in charge for the international in France on March 7 and the return match at Headingley on April 2. His long-term appointment, for the visits of New Zealand in October and Australia next year, and the World Cup in 1995, seems a formality. Although Watson's role is mainly administrative, sponsorship will be an early focus of his attention, with British Coal's support of the Great Britain side about to end and a successor yet to be found.

Hampstead hopeful

HOCKEY: Hampstead and Westminster are confident of success against East Grinstead in the quarter-finals of the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup at Paddington today (Sydney Friskin writes). East Grinstead are having to call on younger players because they are without Peter Head and Lee, who are injured, and Clift and Virdi, who are unavailable. Richard Leman, still recovering from a fractured foot, is a doubtful starter. Hampstead and Westminster will rely on the experience of Gallen in midfield, Dixon in defence, and Pierce and Saxby in attack. In the other quarter-finals, Guildford are at home to Teddington, Hounslow visit Cannock, Reading and Beeston meet on February 13.

West Indies fly in

CRICKET: The first official West Indies team to play in South Africa arrived in Johannesburg yesterday from its tour of Australia. West Indies are to play Pakistan and South Africa in a triangular series that starts on Tuesday in Durban, when South Africa meet Pakistan at Kingsmead. Pakistan, also making their first official tour of the Republic, were expected to arrive late last night. West Indies will have a warm-up match on Sunday against Nicky Oppenheimer's Invitation XI. West Indies arrived without the fast bowler, Andy Cummins, who remained in Australia because he has chicken pox.

Trilingual Radcliffe lets her legs do the talking



Radcliffe: fast girl

BY DAVID POWELL
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IN ONE way at least, Paula Radcliffe is an old-fashioned girl. She will run today in Corby at the British trials for the world cross-country championships, not because she has to, but because "I want to earn my place". Earn it? No one, not even Liz McColgan, is more worthy of selection.

A year ago Radcliffe became the world junior champion and this winter, her first as a senior, she has not lost to a Briton. The team for the world championships in Spain will be the first four today plus two chosen by the selectors. "The discretionary places should be for people who are injured, or ill, not for people who would rather run in a grand prix somewhere," Radcliffe says.

She has the same no-favours approach to training. On Wednesday, at her local track in Bedford, the first two lanes were coned off. Surely the world junior champion was entitled to the inside, instead of having to dodge the others during a workout? "I'm no different from anyone else, no different from the under 11s, and they are not allowed to use it," she said.

At 19 she is the most promising young woman in British athletics, but not, she insists, the next McColgan, as is sometimes written. She is the antithesis of McColgan: elegant, softly spoken, intellectual and unconcerned with money.

For the past month, since beating Elana Meyer at the County Durham cross country, Radcliffe has had the men in smart suits running behind her: agents who know that long fast legs and flowing blonde hair are a million dollar combination. Park Associates, whose clients include Lineker, Gower and Carling, joined the race and won it.

Radcliffe's appeal extends beyond mere talent as a runner. She has nine GCSEs and four A levels, all grade A, and speaks with the confidence you would expect of a student of languages. Here is a rare British athlete able to maximise sponsors' interests by communicating also in French and German.

Radcliffe, at Loughborough University, is putting education first: "I need to know I have done my best in my studies. I will finish university then give athletics a go."

At the age of 12 Radcliffe's future as an athlete was not promising. Asthmatic and anaemic, she was 299th in her first national championship. Now, with inhaler, deep breathing exercises and iron tablets, she threatens to march over McColgan's cross-country territory.

Lynn Jennings, the senior world champion, rates Radcliffe as a world medal contender next month. Last March she returned home after her junior triumph: to a message on her garage door: "Well done Paula, champion of the world." The clubmates who wrote it will tell you something else: the star among them has a champion nature as well.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

Premier League

Aston Villa v Ipswich
Liverpool v Nottm Forest
Manchester Utd v Sheffield Utd
Middlesbrough v Coventry
Oldham v Chelsea
QPR v Manchester City
Sheffield Wed v Everton
Wimbledon v Leeds

Barclays League First division

Bristol Rovers v Oxford Utd
Cambridge Utd v Tranmere
Derby v Peterborough
Grimsby v Charlton
Luton v Leicester
Millwall v Watford
Notts County v Birmingham
Portsmouth v Bristol City
Sunderland v Swindon
West Ham v Barnsley
Wolverhampton v Brentford

Second division

Blackpool v West Bromwich (all ticket)
Bournemouth v Preston
Brighton v Leyton Orient
Chester v Bradford
Fulham v Port Vale
Huddersfield v Bolton
Plymouth v Mansfield
Reading v Hartlepool
Rotherham v Exeter
Stoke v Hull

Third division

Barnet v Chesterfield
Bury v Doncaster
Darlington v Cardiff
Halifax v Rochdale
Lincoln v Colchester
Northampton v Gillingham
Scarborough v Hereford
Shrewsbury v York
Torquay v Crewe
Walsall v Carlisle

GM Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Bath
Bromsgrove v Dagenham and Redbridge
Farnborough v Runcorn
Gateshead v Boston
Northwich v Woking
Slough v Stalybridge
Stafford v Macclesfield
Welling v Kettering
Wycombe v Kidderminster
Yeovil v Telford

Tennents Scottish Cup Fourth round

Arbroath v East Fife
Ayr v Rangers
Cowdenbeath v Hibernian
Falkirk v Celtic
Hearts v Dundee
Kilmarnock v St Johnstone

Scottish League Premier division

Motherwell v Airdrie

First division

Dumbarton v Raith
Meadowbank v Stirling
Morton v Dunfermline

Second division

Alloa v Queen of South
Berwick v Brechin (2.30)
Clyde v Stranraer
Forfar v Albion
Queen's Park v Montrose (2.0)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Grays, Basingstoke v Kingstonian, Bromley v Enfield; Dulwich v Marlow, Harrow v Hayes, Hendon v Staines; Stevenage Borough v Chesham; Sutton United v Yeading, Windsor and Eton v Carshalton, Wivenhoe v Bognor; Wokingham v St Albans. First division: Billericay v Bishop's Stortford; Boreham Wood v Molesey; Chalfont St Peter v Aveley; Heybridge Swifts v Abingdon Town; Lewes v Barking, Leyton v Croydon; Purfleet v Hitchin; Uxbridge v Dorking; Wembley v Tooting and Mitcham; Whyteleafe v Walton and Hersham. Second division: Barton v Southall, Edgware v Hemel Hempstead, Egham v Berkhamsted, Harefield v Hampton, Leatherhead v Saffron Walden; Metropolitan Police v Chertsey; Ruship Manor v Malden Vale; Tilbury v Witham; Ware v Newbury; Worthing v Raynham. Third division: Bracknell v Collier Row; Camberley v Hertford, East Thurrock v Petersfield, Epsom and Ewell v Northwood; Flackwell Heath v Cove; Horsham v Leighton; Royston v Clapton, Thame v Hornchurch; Tring v Kingsbury

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Fleetwood; Barrow v Colwyn Bay; Emley v Droylsden; Frickley v Leek; Gainsborough v Mossley; Hyde v Goole; Marine v Buxton, Southport v Matlock; Whitley Bay v Morecambe; Winsford v Bishop Auckland. First division: Alfreton v Caernarfon, Curzon Ashton v Congleton, Farsley Celtic v Great Harwood, Harrogate v Rossendale; Guiseley v Warrington; Knowsley v Worksop; Lancaster v Eastwood Town, Netherfield v Shepshed Albion; Workington v Ashton United.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Solihull; Bashley v Cheltenham; Chelmsford v Worcester; Corby Town v Waterlooville; Crawley Town v Burton, Dover v Dorchester; Gloucester v Halesowen, Moor Green v Hastings; Trowbridge v Hednesford, Weymouth v Cambridge City. Midland division: Grantham v Newport AFC; King's Lynn v Weston-super-Mare; Leicester United v Bridgnorth; Nuneaton Borough v Redditch; RC Warwick v Tamworth; Rushden and Diamonds v Dudley, Stourbridge v Sutton Coldfield, Yate v Evesham. Southern division: Andover v Margate; Ashford v Braintree; Bury Town v Salisbury; Fareham v Sittingbourne; Havant v Baldock, Poole v Burnham; Sudbury v Canterbury City; Wealdstone v Fisher Athletic; Witney v Erith and Belvedere.

FA VASE: Fifth round: Buckingham v Pelsall Villa, Rothwell v Bridlington Town; Gresley Rovers v Peacehaven and Telscombe; Banstead Athletic v Newport IOW; Forest Green v Tiverton, Dunston FB v Cammell Laird; Bilston v Hoddesdon; Canvey Island v Clevedon.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena v Newry; Bangor v Crusaders, Carrick v Linfield; Cliftonville v Larne; Coleraine v Ards, Distillery v Glenavon, Glentoran v Ballyclare, Portadown v Omagh Town.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Afan Lido v Maesteg Park; Caerwys v Mold; Haverfordwest v Aberystwyth; Holywell v Connah's Quay, Inter Cardiff v Abergavenny; Llanelloes v Conwy; Newtown v Rhyl Town

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fifth round: Llansantffraid v Rhyl (2.15); Wrexham v Merthyr

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Wigan Athletic v West Bromwich Albion (1.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v Ipswich (2.0); Southampton v Watford (2.0).

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Ammanford v Caldicot; Blaenrhondda v Ton Pentre, Brecon v Ferndale; Caerleon v Pontypridd; Cardiff Civil Service v Bridgend; Morriston v Pembroke; Port Talbot v Aberaman.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Mechanics v Darwen; Bradford Park Avenue v Blackpool Rovers; Eastwood Hanley v Bacup Borough; Flixton v Newcastle Town; Kidsgrove Athletic v St Helens, Maine Road v Skelmersdale; Penrith v Burscough

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham Athletic v Huston; Brightlingsea v Newmarket; Cornard v Harwich and Parkeston, Diss v Halstead; Felixstowe v Great Yarmouth; Gorleston v Chatteris; Haverhill v Stowmarket; Lowestoft v Wisbech; March Town v Tiptree

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Spennymoor; Ashfield v Dissett Town, Dinnsby v Brigg, Glasshoughton Welfare v Sheffield, Harrogate Railway v Liversedge; North Ferriby v Pontefract Colliery; Ossett Albion v Pickering, Stocksbridge PS v Eccleshill; Thackley v Maltby MW, Winterton Rangers v Belper.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Brandon v Gusborough, Chester-le-Street v Billingham Synthonia; Durham City v Northallerton; Ferryhill Athletic v Blyth Spartans; Hebburn v Stockton, Newcastle Blue Star v West Auckland; Peterlee Newtown v Easington Colliery, Tow Law v Consett.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal v Fulham, Cambridge United v Southend, Ipswich v Charlton; Millwall v Leyton Orient; Norwich v Portsmouth; QPR v Gillingham; Tottenham v Chelsea, West Ham v Watford. Second division: Brighton v Bournemouth; Bristol City v Brentford; Bristol Rovers v Tottenham; Luton v Southampton, Oxford United v Crystal Palace; Reading v Colchester; Swindon v Wimbledon

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: West Wickham v South Bank Poly; Civil Service v Old Esthamelans; Old Actonians v Old Parkonians; Old Bromleians v Carshalton, Norsemen v Crouch End Vampires; Broomfield v Barclays Bank; Alexandra Park v Polytechnic; Kew Association v Southgate Olympic, Lensbury v Old Salesians; Ibis v Winchmore Hill; Ralgola Priory v Dranthem; Old Parmiterians v Marron; Old Latymerians v Royal Bank Scotland; Old Westminster Cits v Bank of England; East Barnet OG v Old Lyonians.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Carthusians v Old Meheronians; Lancing Old Boys v Old Cholmeleians, Old Reptonians v Old Chigwellians. First division: Old Foresters v Old Ardinians, Old Salopians v Old Aldenhamians, Old Westminsters v Old Wilderns; Old Wykehamists v Old Harrovians Arthur Dunn Cup: Old Brentwoods v Old Wellingburians

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning v Tensonians; Meadonians v Danes, Tiffinians v Chertsey; Wilsonians v Enfield.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Nottsborough v Old Fairlopians; Old Owens v Mill Hill Village, Southgate County v Witan.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Chard; Chippenham v Liskeard; Exmouth v Plymouth Argyle; Frome v Minehead; Saltash v Torquay United; Taunton v Paulton, Torrington v Mangotsfield, Westbury v Dawlish.

HOCKEY

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND CUP: Quarter-finals: Hampstead and Westminster v East Grinstead (Paddington RC, 1.30); Guildford v Teddington (Kings Manor School, 12.30); Cannock v Hounslow (Morris Ground, 1.0)

PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier League A: Anchorians v Ashford; Bournemouth v Old Tauntonians; Eastcote v Ramgarhia; Hampstead and Westminster v Wimbledon; Old Whitgiftians v Worthing, Staines v Lloyds Bank; Tulse Hill v High Wycombe; Weybridge Hawks v Maidenhead. Premier B: Beckenham v Oxford University; Cheam v Old Bordenians; Chichester v Woking; Fareham v City of Portsmouth; Gore Court v Purley; Marden Russets v Old Williamsonians; Spencer v London University; Winchester v Tunbridge Wells; Wokingham v Dulwich. Regionals: Hampshire and Surrey: Basingstoke v Old Edwardians; Fleet v Camberley; Hamble Old Boys v Lensbury; Marlon v Andover; Old Walcountians v Barnes; Old Mid Whitgiftians v Epsom; Cosham v Metropolitan Police; Pirelli v Oxted, Walton v Goan Kent and Sussex: Bognor v BICC; Brighton v Eastbourne; Crowborough v Tonbridge, Gravesend v Old Holcombeians; Greenwich v Roch and Gill, Herne Bay v Sevenoaks; Horsham v Old Beccehamians, Lewes v Midland Bank; Thames Poly v Mid Sussex, Middlesex, Berkshire, Bucks and Oxon: Amersham v Harrow; City of Oxford v Hayes, Hendon v Garrards Cross; Mill Hill v Old Merchant Taylors'; Morris Motors v Enfield; NPL v Bracknell; Southgate Adel v Merlow; Sunbury v HCC; Windsor v Aylesbury.

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Bromley v Hounslow; Old Kingstonians v Southgate; Old Loughtonians v Wimbledon; Reading v Hampstead and Westminster; Surbiton v Richmond; Teddington v St Albans

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgnorth v Belper; Coventry and North Warwick v Worcester Norton; Hampton-in-Arden v Edgbaston; Kirsbs v Leicester Westleigh; Olton and West Warwick v Derby

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Bury St Edmunds; Cambridge University v Blueharts; Colchester v Stevenage; Crostyx v Broadbourne, Ipswich v Ford, Luton v Wisbech; Peterborough v Dereham, Redbridge and Ilford v Westcliff; West Herts v Norwich City

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Alderley Edge v Norton, Formby v Durham University; Timperley v Hightown-Northern, Wakefield v Sheffield, York v Ben Rhydding Second division: Hsalex v Bowdon, Harrogate v Liverpool Sefton; Springfields v Knutsford, Southport v Ramgarhia; Stockton v Blackburn; Sunderland v Preston; Swalwell v Disley, Wigan v Sheffield Bankers

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol v Bath Buccs; Clevedon v Gloucester, Exeter University v Hereford Plymouth v East Devon; West Gloucester v Taunton Vale; Weston-super-Mare v Westbury Banks, Yeovil v Marlborough

RUGBY UNION

2.30 unless stated

Five nations' championship

France v Scotland (at Parc des Princes, Paris, 2.0)
Wales v England (at Cardiff Arms Park)

Courage Clubs Championship Fourth division north

Hereford v Towcestrians (2.30)

Insurance Corporation All-Ireland League First division

Constitution v St Mary's College
Greystones v Ballymena
Shannon v Old Wesley
Young Munster v Garryowen

Second division

Bangor v Lansdowne
Clontarf v Old Crescent
Dolphin v Gelwegians
Instonians v Terenure
Wanderers v Blackrock College

Club matches

Blackheath v Harlequins (3.0)
Broughton Park v Hartlepool Rovers (2.15)
Cambridge Univ v Askeans (12.0)
Jed-Forest v Boroughmuir (12.0)
Kendal v Selkirk (2.15)
Leeds v Durham (3.0)
Leicester v Rosslyn Park (12.0)
Lichfield v Loughborough Students
Liverpool St Helens v Newcastle Gosforth
London Irish v Clifton (12.30)
London Scottish v Hawick (12.30)
Morley v Aspatria (3.0)
Orrell v Bedford
Sheffield v Rotherham
Vale of Lune v Sale
Wakefield v Bradford
Waterloo v Coventry (2.15)
West Hartlepool v Fylde (3.0)
West of Scotland v Heriots FP (12.0)

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Cheshire Jets v Thames Valley Tigers; Derby Bucks v Worthing Bears; London Towers v Sunderland Saints; Oldham Celtics v Leicester Riders. Second division: Barnsley Generals v Coventry Flyers, Lewisham Lightning v Bury Lobos, Middlesboro Mohawks v Plymouth Raiders. Third division: Chiltern Fastbreak v South London Elephants; Guildford v Sheffield Forgers; Mid Sussex Magic v Sedgefield Recers, Stevenage Phoenix v Leicester Falcons Women: First division: Cheshire Ladies v Thames Valley, London YMCA v Sheffield Hatters. Second division: Camberley Golden Eagle v Houghton Regis Raiders, Sunderland Ladies v South Tyneside

SCOTTISH CUP: Finals (at Meadowbank SC, 12.0).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Billingham Bombers v Whitley Warriors, Cardiff Devils v Murrayfield Racers; Fife Flyers v Humberside Seahawks; Nottingham Panthers v Durham Wasps. First division: Milton Keynes Kings v Swindon Wildcats; Slough Jets v Telford Tigers.

NETBALL

ENGLISH COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Hampshire North v Surrey; Essex Mel v Hertfordshire; Birmingham v Bedfordshire, Kent v Middlesex. Second division: Gloucestershire v Humberside; Mid Hampshire v Nottinghamshire; Cheshire v West Yorkshire, East Essex v Northamptonshire Third division: Warwickshire v Derbyshire, East Dorset v Shropshire; Sussex v South Staffordshire; Lancashire v South Yorkshire

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: UK and inter-counties cross country championship (including world cross-country trials, at Corby).

BOXING: Commonwealth welterweight championship: Eamonn Loughran (Ballymena) v Michael Benjamin (Guyana). Steve Collins v Johnny Mellah (both bouts at National SC, Cardiff).

BADMINTON: English national championships (Norwich Sports Village).

BOWLS: England under-25 and champion of champions tournaments Singles finals (Nottingham).

TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Newcastle)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

Coca-Cola Cup Semi-final, first leg

Crystal Palace v Arsenal

Premier League

Tottenham v Southampton (1.0)

Tennents Scottish Cup Fourth round

Aberdeen v Dundee Utd (3.05)
East Stirling v Clydebank

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chorley v Horwich.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bray Wanderers v Waterford, Derry City v Bohemians (3.30), Drogheda United v St Patrick's Athletic, Dundalk v Limerick (3.30), Shamrock Rovers v Sligo Rovers.

WOMEN'S FA: Cup: Fifth round: Millwall v Doncaster Belles; Arsenal v District Line; Rainworth v Bromley Borough; Bronte v St Helens; Maidstone Tigresses v Middlesbrough; Epsom and Ewell v Red Star Southampton; Leesowe Pacific v Wimbledon; Ipswich Town v Stanton. League: First division north: Abbeydale Alvechurch v Nottingham Argyle; Cowgate Kestrels v St Helens; Milton Keynes v Leasowe Pacific; Villa Aztecs v Sunderland; Wolverhampton v Sheffield Wednesday. First division south: Bristol Backwell v Hassocks Beacon; Hemel Hempstead v Epsom and Ewell; Horsham v District Line; Oxford Utd v Brighton and Hove, Town and County v Saltdean United.

RUGBY UNION

Club match

Metropolitan Police v Saracens (3.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

3.0 unless stated

Castleford v Sheffield (3.30)
Halifax v Salford
Hull KR v Leeds (3.15)
Leigh v Wakefield
Widnes v Hull
Wigan v Bradford

Second division

Bramley v Huddersfield (3.30)
Carlisle v London Crusaders (2.0)
Featherstone v Oldham (3.30)
Rochdale v Swinton

Third division

Blackpool v Highfield (2.30)
Chorley v Barrow (3.15)
Dewsbury v Workington (2.15)
Hunslet v Doncaster (3.30)
Keighley v Ryedale York (3.15)
Whitehaven v Nottingham City (3.30)

BRITISH COAL NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Woolston v Dewsbury Moor, Wigan St Pat's v East Leeds.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Canterbury v Cannock (Polo Farm, 1.0), East Grinstead v Bournville (Saint Hill, 2.15); Firebrands v Havant (Clifton College, Bristol, 2.0); Hounslow v Walton (Feltham School, 2.0); Old Loughtonians v Trojans (Chigwell, 2.0); Slough v Southgate (Wexham School, 2.0), Stourport v Neston (Kidderminster School, 2.0); Surbiton v Bromley (Sugden Road, 2.0); Teddington v St Albans (Teddington School, 2.30) Second division: Barford Tigers v Cambridge City (Holyhead LC, Birmingham, 1.0); Beeston v Richmond (Highfields HC, Nottingham, 2.0); Brean v Cheltenham (King Alfred SC, 12.0); Doncaster v Brooklands (Outwell Park, Scunthorpe, 2.0), Guildford v Harborne (Kings Manor School, 12.0), Harleston Magpies v Chelmsford (Shotford Heath, 2.0); Ibis v Reading (Exeter School, 2.0); Lyons v Old Kingstonians (Whitfield School, Brent Cross, 2.30), Warrington v Indian Gymkhana (Broomfield School, Warrington, 1.30).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Manchester Giants v Hemel Hempstead Royals, Sunderland Saints v Worthing Bears. Second division: Doncaster Panthers v Plymouth Raiders; Ware Rebels v Middlesbrough Mohawks Third division: Liverpool Alac v Swindon Sonics Women: First division: Chesham Ladies v Rhondda; Milton Keynes Q Cats v Ipswich, Nottingham Wildcats v London Jets. Second division: Brixton Lady Topcats v Cardiff, Doncaster Free Press v Stonebridge Amazons

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell Bees v Cardiff Devils; Durham Wasps v Murrayfield Racers; Norwich and Peterborough Pirates v Nottingham Panthers; Whitley Warriors v Humberside Seahawks. First division: Basingstoke Beavers v Milton Keynes Kings; Lee Valley Lions v Slough Jets; Medway Bears v Romford Raiders.

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OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Scottish national indoor championships (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow).

BADMINTON: English national championships (Norwich Sports Village).

BOWLS: England Under-25 and champion of champions: Singles finals (Nottingham).

TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Newcastle)

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Saturday portrait: Riddick Bowe, by Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

Champion succeeds in fighting shy of heavyweight image

ILLUSTRATION: STEVE MARTIN



Riddick Bowe is 25 and already he has achieved his most important goal — not winning the world heavyweight title, but being different. "I've always wanted to be different from everyone else," he says. "Then I found boxing. That was the way I could be different from everybody else. I always went against the crowd."

Bowe certainly went against 100 years of American tradition when he achieved the distinction of being the first American heavyweight to turn down a challenge from a British heavyweight, Lennox Lewis, for fear of losing.

Bowe's manager, Rock Newman, protests loudly that it was Lewis who turned down a £3 million offer, forgetting to mention that, in the event of not arriving at a deal by private treaty, the matter should go to purse bids. Others justified Bowe's refusal to meet Lewis on the grounds of it making good business sense. Both could cash in now and meet later in a "mega mega" promotion.

The claims and counter-claims go on and on, but arguments aside, Riddick "Big Daddy" Bowe is different from all other champions, refreshingly different, if only for wanting to be different.

One of 13 children, he was brought up in Brownsville, New York, an estate where cocaine dealers patrolled every street corner. Yet he resisted the temptation to try drugs. He listened to his mother, Dorothy, who told him: "If you wind up in jail, I won't get you out. If you call me from jail to get you out, I won't even talk to you."

Bowe says: "I'd tell her about my dreams, and how I was going to be heavyweight champion, and she would say: 'Shut up, boy, don't just end up in jail. Try to use your head for something other than a grease holder. If you ever go to jail, you can cancel Christmas'." When his mother used to work on a midnight-to-eight shift as a machine operator at a factory making medicine bottles, he walked with her to be her bodyguard. He woke up early in the morning to bring her back.

It was different also that Bowe decided to marry a neighbourhood girl, Judy. He is certainly different from his father, who only turned up to see his mother to find out whether the next child was a boy or a girl. Bowe hates being away from his children, Riddick Jr, six, Ridicia, four, and Brenda, two. "My father did nothing for me," Bowe says. "He died last year. They wanted me to go to the funeral, but nothing doing. My mother was my father, my sister, and my brother."

Bowe wants to go to Howard University, Washington, to study business administration, even while he is champion. He said: "A lot of athletes think it is not their concern what is going on in the world, but we owe it to the kids to tell them what is the right way and what is the wrong way. I would like to tell the people that I'm a true champion, and that I am for the people. People think boxers are dumb, stupid, drunks and drug abusers, and that they bother women. But I'm not like that. I'm an All-American Boy. I've never had a drink in my life, or smoked a cigarette, or taken drugs."

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You feel he is genuine, not simply trying to jump on the publicity bandwagon. His 81-year-old trainer, Eddie Futch, says he would not have taken Bowe under his wing if he did not believe in him.

Bowe has always respected an older voice. When he gave a boy at school a bloody nose for saying that Joe Frazier was better than Muhammad Ali, the principal of the school told him to try boxing at a gym in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn. Bowe listened to her, and under the coach, George Washington, he learnt to throw the Cherry Tree Special — a one-two. Washington said: "When you hit them with that, they fall like a cherry tree." And they did.

It was the start of his boxing career, and he won all but seven of his 211 amateur bouts, 147 of them by knockouts. He won two Golden Gloves titles.

When Bowe was stopped by Lewis in the Olympic Games at Seoul in the second round of the super-heavyweight final, the big promoters did not stop to think that his performance might have had something to do with his foot and hand injuries; with his brother, Henry, dying of a wasting disease; or that his sister, Brenda, had been stabbed to death a few weeks earlier by a drug addict.

They called him Ridiculous Bowe, and said he had quit. Ferdie Pacheco, the NBC commentator, said that he had "an enormous talent, but no mental stability whatsoever". Even up to the time when Bowe met Evander Holyfield for the world title last November, they said Bowe had no heart. Bowe proved them wrong in that contest.

The lack of interest from the big promoters and managers gave Newman, another maverick, his chance to step in. He went to see Bowe in Brownsville, and found him about to give up boxing and go to college or into the army. Newman, a former car salesman, had no trouble selling himself and Bowe a career in heavyweight boxing, and signed him up. He even told him that in four years' time, by September 1992, he would be world heavyweight champion. Newman's forecast was out by only two months.

Newman sent Bowe to Futch in Reno. The famous trainer recalls a test he gave the boxer to see if he had dedication. "At my age, I had little time to waste," Futch said. "I told him I was going out of town, but he should still go on his morning run at six o'clock. I didn't leave town really. I was waiting for him at the end of the run. When I saw him puffing up that hill in the snow, I thought the boy was going to be OK." Futch taught Bowe the art of mixing the jab and the hook with the big right he already had.

After 30 bouts, Bowe arrived at the No. 1 position by stopping Pierre Coetzer, of South Africa, last May. It was too late for the moneymen to muscle in. Futch, who has trained four world champions — Ken Norton, Joe Frazier, Larry Holmes and Michael Spinks — thinks Bowe can surpass them all. "If he lives up to his potential, he could be better than all of them at their best," he said.

Even as a celebrity, Bowe's behaviour towards the public is different from that of other champions. When he arrives at a function, there are no mafia-type heavies clearing the way for him, pushing onlookers aside. He does not pass by quickly. His three-man band — himself, Futch and Newman — are free of the restrictions of movement that come with being tied to mainstream promoters.

Today, Bowe has $8 million in the bank, and contracts for $100 million from HBO, a leading cable network, ITV, and clothes sponsors. Yet he has aligned himself with causes in South Africa and Somalia. He has bought his mother a house on Coney Island, and he himself lives in a modest house in suburban Maryland. He is building a $2 million house in Fort Washington for the entire Bowe family.

Tonight he appears at Madison Square Garden, where Willard beat Moran in 1916, Dempsey knocked out Brennan in 1920, Joe Louis knocked out Buddy Baer and outpointed Jersey Joe Walcott in the 1940s, and where Bowe's idol, Ali, met Frazier in an epic battle in 1971. Before his own crowd of 15,000, Bowe meets Michael Dokes, a former champion, but also a former drug addict still in the process of rehabilitation. Dokes's reflexes are not what they used to be.

He has the punch to cause trouble for Bowe, as he did for Holyfield, but it is not likely that he has recovered from the knockout by Donovan "Razor" Ruddock that put him in hospital and out of boxing for 19 months. When a well-wisher said "good luck, Michael," Dokes replied: "Thank you. Pray for me."

POINT-TO-POINT

Que Bella set to cheer Gabb

BY BRIAN BEEL

AN OWNER can acquire a certificate from more than one master of foxhounds confirming that his horse has been fairly hunted.

This practice, however, serves little purpose as Kate Gabb found to her cost at the Heythrop point-to-point last year after winning the maiden race on Que Bella.

The Jockey Club only recognised the first certificate lodged and, though Gabb had also won from an eligible hunt, she was robbed of her first success and fined £150.

Que Bella is, thus, still a maiden and is one of the 105 entries for this race — split four ways — at the **South Midlands Hunt Club** meeting today.

Coincidentally, in division three is Deep Spartacus, who finished first in a hunter chase at Sedgefield but who also lost the race at Portman Square, having been found to have had a prohibited substance in his blood. Que Bella and Deep Spartacus both look capable of making quick recompense.

By far the most impressive performance of any maiden last year was Hops And Pops who, never off the bit, won in the fastest time of the day at Lockinge. This was the six-year-old's only run so far and his eagerly-awaited return today, in the restricted race, should enable Robert Alner to gain his fifth success of the season.

Dun Gay Lass, who has set her sights again at the Cheltenham Foxhunters', should have little trouble in the open race at the **Jedforest** despite the likely presence of the former Gordon Richards-trained Randolph Place, with Olympic event rider Ian Stark aboard.

After a year's absence, Le Piaf D'Or could return to run prominently in the BMW qualifier at the **Old Raby** while Wall Game should show his superiority in the open for his new stable.

Since he won the lightweight race at the East Down in Ireland in 1989, Sanballat has run exclusively in hunter chases, winning four out of 14 races. He has been out of sorts lately — his last win was just over two years ago at Stratford and is now reverting to point-to-pointing. He is engaged at the South Midlands but is more likely to start in the open race at the **Wheatland**.

Two horses out to make quick amends after coming to grief when looking dangerous on their initial appearances are Ring The Pipeline in the **North Cornwall** restricted and Jaaaz in the confined at the **Thurlow**.

Today's meetings

Jedforest, Friars Haugh, 1 mile west of Kelso (first race 12.30); North Cornwall, Royal Cornwall showground, 1m W of Wadebridge (12.30); Old Raby Hunt Club, Wilton Castle, 3m W of Bishops Auckland (12.30); South Midlands Area Hunt Club, Heythorp, 2m E of Chipping Norton (11.00); Thurlow, Horseheath, 3m E of Linton (12.00); Wheatland, Eyton-on-Severn, 6m SE of Shrewsbury (12.00).

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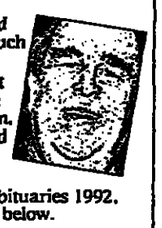
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Hawkins banned for six days

COLIN Hawkins was suspended for six days for misuse of the whip after winning the opening race at Kelso yesterday on Roy's Dream. He was hard at work on his mount all the way up the run-in before catching the odds-on favourite, Mister Tuftie.

A report from the veterinary officer revealed that Roy's Dream had returned from the race with six weals, one of which showed blood, on his off-quarter. The stewards interviewed Hawkins and, having listened to his evidence and viewed the video recording, found him guilty of improper riding. The ban begins on February 14.

Jinxy Jack heads for a third tilt at the Champion Hurdle following his all-the-way victory. One of the most versatile and colourful characters in National Hunt racing, the nine-year-old may have had nothing to beat in the Ship Hotel Morebattle Hurdle but he treated his five rivals with contempt.



Richards: Champion tilt

Starting at 8-1 on, Jinxy Jack held a commanding lead throughout and coasted home unchallenged under Nenie Doughty to record his eighteenth victory and his fourth consecutive triumph in this particular event.

His trainer Gordon Richards said: "If the horse is fit and well on the day, he goes for the Champion — and he won't have another run beforehand.

"Admittedly today's race didn't tell us that much, but we had to come here rather than take him to Sandown."

Jockey Club expands on whip proposals

BY DICK HINDER

RIDERS who exceed the Jockey Club's proposed whip guidelines will not necessarily incur a suspension, it was emphasised yesterday.

The Jockey Club's spokesman, David Pipe, stressed that racecourse stewards will only look at a jockey's riding if he hits his horse six or more times, under new recommendations put forward by the disciplinary committee.

"It was never our intention to restrict riders to a specific number of blows. There is no six and out rule. It is making the whole business of explaining it that much more difficult," he said.

"The stewards may well find that a jockey is riding within the guidelines on what is correct even if he uses the whip ten times."

Pipe was reacting to the publication by the Jockeys' Association of comments on the proposed whip changes which it claims were ignored.

Michael Caulfield, secretary of the Jockeys' Association, described the proposed guidelines as "the starting bell for the rapid decline of British racing."

Caulfield was critical of the new "six-hit trigger mechanism" and complained that the make-up of the working group that examined the instructions was "unbalanced".

However, Pipe countered: "The group comprised all the people required for such an examination. The jockeys had ample opportunity to put their side but Richard Dunwoody was one of the nominees and he never turned up. The other riders in the group only came to the meetings now and then.

"Their views were listened to, considered and debated but the fact was the others did not agree with them."

The Jockey Club's stewards will meet on Monday to consider the new proposals which would be implemented on July 5, if approved.

EARTHSTOPPERS

THUNDERER

1.00 Plastic Spaceage.
1.30 Riverside Boy.
2.00 LO STREGONE (nap).
2.30 Rafiki.
3.00 Starember Lad.
3.30 Sabaki River.

Brian Beel: 3.00 Starember Lad.

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

1.00 HUNTSMAN HANDICAP CHASE (£4,476: 2m 3f 110yd) (3 runners) — BBC1

1 3-4112P LAST 'O' THE BUNCH 28 (C,F,6,5) (G Middlebrook) G Richards 9-12-0 ..... N Doughty 96
2 4-F232 WIDE BOY 67 (F,G,5) (M Popham) P Hobbs 11-10-5 ..... Peter Hobbs 95
3 11-F222 PLASTIC SPACEAGE 11 (C,G,5) (Spaceage Plastics Ltd) J Old 10-10-3 ..... P Niven 93

BETTING: 11-8 Plastic Spaceage, 7-4 Last 'O' The Bunch, 9-4 Wide Boy.
1992: NODFORM 8-10-9 P Hide (6-1) J Gifford 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

LAST 'O' THE BUNCH pulled up after seventh fence at Haydock last time; previously 3rd 2nd of 7 to Dyrham in Ascot (2m, soft) handicap chase. WIDE BOY 1f 2nd of 5 to Given A Buck in Fontwell (2m 2f, soft) handicap chase. PLASTIC SPACEAGE 3rd 2nd of 4 to Chemyline in handicap chase over course and distance (soft).
Selection: LAST 'O' THE BUNCH

1.30 JOHN HUGHES GRAND NATIONAL TRIAL (Handicap chase: £8,870: 3m 5f 110yd) (6 runners) — BBC1

1 P0U-343 BONANZA BOY 14 (C,F,G,5) (Mrs A Maldo) M Pipe 12-11-7 ..... D Richmond (5) 93
2 21/4-U21 RIVERSIDE BOY 18 (C,G,5) (Mrs H Bisgrove) M Pipe 10-11-7 ..... M Foster 90
3 1RP-412 SHOON WIND 23 (F,5,5) (Mrs M Schirley) M Hammond 10-10-6 ..... P Niven 84
4 P-1123F BONSAI BUD 16 (G,5) (P De Wilde) D Murray Smith 10-10-3 ..... D Gallagher 91
5 1122-41 FIDDLERS PIKE 14 (D,5) (Mrs R Henderson) Mrs R Henderson 12-10-0 Mrs R Henderson 95
6 F006-P1 LARKSMORE 29 (F,5) (Miss D Baker) Miss D Baker 8-10-0 ..... T Wall 74

Long handicap: Fiddlers Pike 9-10, Larksmore 8-6.

BETTING: 7-4 Riverside Boy, 7-2 Shoon Wind, 9-2 Fiddlers Pike, 5-1 Bonsai Bud, 6-1 Bonanza Boy, 25-1 Larksmore.

1992: COOL GROUND 10-11-10 A Maguire (9-4 fav) G Balding 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BONANZA BOY 20l 3rd of 4 to Rex For Free in grade II Rehearsal Chase here (3m, heavy) in December. RIVERSIDE BOY beat Just So neck in 10-runner Taunton (4m 2f 110yd, soft) handicap chase with BONSAI BUD in touch when fell 17th; previously 5l 2nd of 11 to Rex For Free in grade III Court Welsh National over course and distance (soft) with BONANZA BOY (5lb better off) 8l4l 4th. SHOON WIND 5l 2nd of 4 to Padawalpus in Wetherby (3m 110yd, soft) handicap chase. BONSAI BUD 10l6l 6th of 13 to Jodami in Newbury (3m 2f 110yd, soft) handicap chase on penultimate start. FIDDLERS PIKE beat Into The Red 4l in 9-runner Warwick (3m 5f, heavy) handicap chase with BONANZA BOY (3lb better off) 2l2l 3rd.
Selection: RIVERSIDE BOY

2.00 PHILIP CORNES SADDLE OF GOLD STAYERS NOVICES HURDLE (£10,755: 3m) (11 runners) — BBC1

1 11 AAHSAYLAD 21 (5) (Mo M Hoare) J White 7-11-5 ..... B Clifford 91
2 10-1111 BRACKENFIELD 16 (D,F,6,5) (G Fabar) Mrs M Rowley 7-11-5 ..... P Niven 97
3 34-2111 LO STREGONE 14 (5) (Mrs S Clegg) T Tate 7-11-6 ..... G McCourt 99
4 6-00116 SPECIAL ACCOUNT 35 (D,BF,5) (T Flordis) C Barwell 7-11-5 ..... N Mann 81
5 2-01121 THISTLE MONARCH 35 (G,5) (J Gaston) G Richards 8-11-5 ..... N Doughty 91
6 F1522 GAELSTROM 35 (C,6,5) (Mrs J Powell) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-2 ..... D Bridgwater 92
7 24-4451 HOWARYADOON 33 (D,F,5) (J Gilhooley) R Rowe 7-11-0 ..... G Rowe 86
8 P2 MR FLANAGAN 23 (Mrs R Stanley) C Brooks 7-11-0 ..... G Bradley 69
9 5S2343 SUNLEY BAY 14 (5) (Mo M Barker) P Nicholls 7-11-0 ..... M A Fitzgerald 93
10 32SU41 BEAUTIFUL DREAM 23 (5) (Darkhorse Stud) R Baker 5-10-12 ..... Peter Hobbs 76
11 2UP-63F SOLO BUCK 8 (L Lusky) A Jones 7-10-9 ..... D Gallagher 67

BETTING: 5-2 Lo Stregone, 3-1 Brackenfield, 5-1 Thistle Monarch, 11-2 Gaelstrom, 6-1 Aahsaylad, 12-1 Howaryadoon, 14-1 Special Account, 16-1 Beautiful Dream, Sunley Bay, 20-1 others.
1992: ROTHKO 11-11-0 R Guest (20-1) Mrs S Smith 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

AAHSAYLAD beat Le Pelley's Isle 4l in 15-runner Newcastle (2m 4f, good to soft) novice handicap hurdle. BRACKENFIELD beat High Altitude 14l in 11-runner Ayr (2m 4f, soft) novice hurdle. LO STREGONE beat Hudson Bay Trader 8l in 10-runner Haydock (2m 4f, heavy) novice hurdle. THISTLE MONARCH beat Carson City 12l in 11-runner Ayr (2m 6f, good) novice handicap hurdle. GAELSTROM 10l 2nd of 7 to Lord Relic in grade I Newbury (2m 5f, soft) novice hurdle. HOWARYADOON beat Pitched Paras 2l in 12-runner Newbury (3m 110yd, soft) conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle. SUNLEY BAY 4l 3rd of 14 to Whitsland in Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) handicap hurdle. BEAUTIFUL DREAM beat MR FLANAGAN (3lb better off) 10l in 22-runner Wincanton (2m 6f, soft) novice hurdle.
Selection: LO STREGONE

2.30 TONY PRESTON MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£2,444: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

1 341-FF1 RAFIKI 14 (D,5) (Mrs J May) Mrs J Retter 8-11-9 ..... M A Fitzgerald 99
2 0/8R631 ROCHESTER 10 (D,5) (Mrs E Hitchins) R Lee 7-11-9 ..... D Tegg 86
3 /PPPP- DEVON ZIPPER 324 (B Ree) G Ree 8-11-3 ..... R Darke (7) –
4 BFP GLASS CASTLE 14 (R J Houghton) R J Houghton 9-11-3 ..... Mr G Johnson Houghton –
5 4133-82 MULBANK 16 (F) (I Shaw) P Hobbs 7-11-3 ..... Peter Hobbs –
6 100/42U QUENTIN DURWOOD 8 (S) (Mrs R Bonnet) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-3 ..... B de Haan –
7 0-0000 VITAL SCORE 31 (Mrs A Pollard) J King 7-11-3 ..... J Kavanagh –

BETTING: 6-4 Rafiki, 11-4 Quentin Durwood, 7-2 Mulbank, 9-2 Rochester, 50-1 Vital Score, 100-1 others.
1992: FREELINE FINISHING 8-11-9 J White (7-1) N Henderson 14 ran

3.00 EARTHSTOPPERS HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,506: 3m) (8 runners)

1 2211- DOUBLE SILK 283 (D,6,5) (R Wilkes) R Wilkes 9-12-7 ..... R Treloggen (5) 91
2 0513P4- SPORTING MARINER 280 (D,F,G,5) (D Bloor) D Bloor 11-12-7 ..... D Bloor (7) 79
3 F4410- SIRSAT 256 (D,F) (K Hollowell) K Hollowell 9-12-4 ..... K Hollowell (7) 74
4 212-55 SPARTAN DANCER 100 (G) (Mrs J Hinder) M Tricker 9-12-4 ..... G Edwards (7) 69
5 1/12P- STAREMBER LAD 331 (C,D,5) (H Johnson) K Cumings 9-12-4 ..... Miss J Cumings (7) 93
6 2200J24- ARDESEE 283 (C,D,6,5) (D Windle) D Windle 13-12-1 ..... J Windle (7) 94
7 PPP1/P- MARTIN THOMAS 343 (S) (G Hobbs) D Powell 10-12-1 ..... A Price (7) –
8 6494/ RAIN CHASER 541 (P Andrews) P Andrews 12-12-1 ..... D Duggan (7) –

BETTING: 5-4 Double Silk, 7-4 Starember Lad, 8-1 Ardesee, 10-1 Sirsat, 12-1 Sporting Mariner, 20-1 others.
1992: STAREMBER LAD 8-11-11 Miss J Cumings (9-4 fav) K Cumings 10 ran

3.30 GAMEKEEPERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,467: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

1 311314 ABBOT OF FURNESS 40 (D,5) (Lord Cavendish) G Richards 9-12-0 ..... N Doughty 93
2 P5-6842 SABAKI RIVER 7 (D,G,5) (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Retter 9-10-12 ..... M A Fitzgerald 89
3 03/1315- KIRGHTON COOMBE 368 (G,5) (G Lugg) T Forster 7-10-9 ..... R Farrant (5) 90
4 3884/1 NORSTOCK 8 (CD,F,G,5) (R Dalgleish) J White 6-10-0 ..... B Clifford (3) 90

BETTING: 7-4 Sabaki River, 9-4 Abbot Of Furness, 5-2 Norstock, 6-1 Knighton Coombe.
1992: ONEUPMANSHIP 7-10-10 A Procter (13-2) D Elsworth 16 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	62	203	30.5	M Foster	5	18	27.8
C Brooks	7	35	20.0	N Doughty	3	11	27.3
G Richards	3	16	18.8	B Clifford	3	17	17.6
Mrs J Pitman	18	98	18.4	D Gallagher	4	27	14.8
J Old	6	37	16.2	Peter Hobbs	6	58	10.3
R Lee	7	48	14.6	(Only qualifiers)			

Piggott comeback delayed

A DELUGE in the desert and the death of a member of Dubai's ruling family have postponed Lester Piggott's return to race-riding.

Piggott, injured in a Breeders' Cup fall last October, was due to ride in four races at the Nad Al Sheba racetrack in Dubai yesterday. However, the course was under water yesterday as Dubai went into mourning for an elderly aunt of the Maktoum brothers.

The meeting, which would have been called off for either reason, will now take place tomorrow or on Monday. Piggott will remain in Dubai for this meeting and two others on Thursday and Friday.

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Ruling edges closer to title shot

By George Rae

RULING, third in the last two Champion Hurdles, edges further along the festival trail in the Agfa Hurdle at Sandown this afternoon.

He was less than two lengths behind Morley Street and Nomadic Way in 1991, and last season failed by only half a length and a short head against Royal Gait and Oh So Risky.

His effort last year, though, carried a high price tag. "Another few strides and he would have won," his trainer, Fulke Johnson Houghton, said, "but he came back with a bad tendon."

Ruling made an encouraging return to the track at Haydock two weeks ago. Although he needed the run, as Johnson Houghton had warned, he jumped well and travelled sweetly until weakening from the second last.

"I was very pleased," Johnson Houghton said. "He has come on a lot from Haydock. His season has been geared to Cheltenham and we will see how he runs tomorrow before making any more plans.

"If he does need another run, he would probably go back to Haydock later this month rather than for the Tote Gold Trophy. I don't rule the Tote race out completely, but he would have to give plenty of weight away."

With regular partner Peter Niven riding at Chepstow, Mark Dwyer takes over today.

However, Johnson Houghton hopes Niven will resume the association in the Champion Hurdle.

"Peter gets on well with Ruling and, if he's available, I hope he'll be riding for us at Cheltenham," he said. "A stiff two miles suits Ruling well and Cheltenham seems to bring out the best in him."

Ruling, who is favourably treated by the conditions of today's race, is not the only one looking to press a Champion claim. Morley Street, rather erratic this year, knows all about Cheltenham, although Valfinet remains untried against the best. He has made his way up through the handicap ranks, initially off lenient marks, but is improving swiftly. This is his audition for the big time.

Rushing Wild, like Valfinet trained by Martin Pipe, has his own Cheltenham case to argue in the Agfa Diamond Chase. He has shot up the handicap but needs a win here if he is to be a serious threat to The Fellow in the Gold Cup.

Yet the most pleasing story would be a bold show from Blazing Walker in the Marston Moor Chase at Wetherby. Dogged by injury since an exhilarating win over Katabatic and Waterloo Boy at Aintree almost two years ago, he is back in business at last.

Victory under top weight is asking a lot but he deserves to win another good race soon.



Testing time: Ruling attempts to strengthen his Champion Hurdle claims at Sandown Park today

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BRACKENFIELD
(2.00 Chepstow)

Next best: Winter Squall
(4.10 Sandown)

WETHERBY

THUNDERER

1.05 Rustic Air. 1.35 The Red One. 2.05 Winnie The Witch. 2.35 Abnegation. 3.05 Deep Sensation. 3.35 Houghton. 4.05 Bollin Patrick.

Brian Beel: 1.35 The Red One.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.05 WINGSPAN.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

1.05 ACOMB NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,477: 2m) (25 runners)

1 -P0P CASH POINT 10 Miss J Eaton 5-11-5 S Lyons (5)
2 P/P0 DURLEY SONG 14 Miss S Turner 7-11-5 K Johnson
3 ENIGMATIC 111F K Morgan 5-11-5 A S Smith
4 0P MR SNAIL 51 S Kettlewell 5-11-5 J Callaghan
5 P0FP ROAD TO THE WEIR 24 Mrs S Bramall 6-11-5 J Burke (7)
6 04-P ROYAL QUARRY 23 J Goulding 7-11-5 C Dennis (3)
7 3342 RUSTIC AIR 21 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-5 D Byrne
8 SCARBA 487F D Garraton 5-11-5 T Reed
9 00-00 STRONG SILVER 21 R Johnson 8-11-5 A Merrigan
10 30- TEMPERING 12F D Chapman 7-11-5 P Midgley (5)
11 224 TUSKY 11 (BF) G Moore 5-11-5 N Bentley (3)
12 -524 VASILIEV 8 J Leigh 5-11-5 R J Beggan
13 06-0 BETTY ELSTON 60 J Thorpe 5-11-0 Annette Billany (7)
14 00-3 CHOIR'S IMAGE 106 J Eyre 6-11-0 A Mulholland
15 P0 BARGEE 21 W Bentley 4-10-9 S Taylor (7)
16 P0 CURTAIN FACTORY 23 M H Easterby 4-10-9 R Garritty
17 3 ERINY 66 J Bottomley 4-10-9 J J Quinn
18 0006 INAN 12 R O'Leary 4-10-9 N Williamson
19 05 JUST CHARLIE 14 M W Easterby 4-10-9 Mr S Walker (7)
20 P NASHOON 21 T Kersey 4-10-9 Susan Kersey
21 SURE TO WIN 250F J Carr 4-10-9 P Harley
22 4 TEMPLE GARTH 15 J Johnson 4-10-9 A Orkney
23 3 HAMANAKA 23 M Hammond 4-10-4 C Grant
24 MRS NORMAN 476F A Potts 4-10-4 T Potts
25 0 SURF BOAT 14 N Tinkler 4-10-4 R Marley

3-1 Rustic Air, 4-1 Eriny, 9-2 Vasiliev, 11-2 Hamanaka, 6-1 Tusky, 8-1 Temple Garth, 10-1 Just Charlie, 14-1 Surf Boat, 20-1 others.

1.35 RYEDALE HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,674: 3m 110yd) (4)

1 U13- DUBALEA 257 (F,S) J Haldane 10-12-0 M Buckley (5)
2 51/2- GEMBRIDGE JUPITER 443 (C,F,G,S) C Trietline 15-11-10 C Trietline (7)
3 46/ SAY NO MORE 868 T Tate 7-11-10 R Ford (7)
4 432- THE RED ONE 291 (F) P Haley 9-11-10 S Swiers

2-5 The Red One, 4-1 Gembridge Jupiter, 7-1 Say No More, 12-1 Dubalea.

2.05 EBF MARES ONLY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,742: 2m) (7)

1 1131 WINNIE THE WITCH 11 (D,F,G,S) K Bridgwater 9-12-0 W Humphreys
2 0216 REGAN 15 (S) J Johnson 6-10-8 A Orkney
3 0-14U NESSFIELD 11 (G,S) K Morgan 7-10-2 A S Smith
4 3336 MISS SHAW 8 E Owen Jr 7-10-1 C Grant
5 0PF4 RICHARDS KATE 30 (S) M Bradstock 9-10-0 D Murphy
6 5F43 BOSSBURG 11 (B) D McCain 8-10-0 S J O'Neill
7 4440 DARK DEEP DAWN 31 J Upson 6-10-0 J Supple (7)

4-6 Winnie The Witch, 5-1 Richards Kate, 7-1 Nessfield, 8-1 Regan, 14-1 Bossburg, 20-1 Miss Shaw, 25-1 Dark Deep Dawn.

2.35 HELMSLEY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,846: 3m 1f) (7)

1 312P ABNEGATION 22 (C,F,G,S) J Johnson 8-11-10 C Grant
2 -263 BOLLINGER 14 (BF,F,G,S) J Gifford 7-11-8 D Murphy
3 2P45 SENATOR SNUGFIT 12 (G,S) M W Easterby 8-10-6 R Garritty
4 5/531 GABRIELLA MIA 12 (S) A Jarvis 8-10-4 T Jarvis
5 P50-6 ROSEHIP 8 (F) P Cheesbrough 8-10-0 A Lamach (5)
6 1P5/P TROPENNA 28 (G) J Goulding 10-10-0 C Dennis (3)
7 5PP/0 BRIGG MELODY 60 J Thorpe 12-10-0 Annette Billany (7)

13-8 Bollinger, 9-4 Abnegation, 4-1 Gabriella Mia, 11-2 Senator Snugfit, 16-1 Rosehip, 25-1 Tropenna, 33-1 Brigg Melody.

3.05 MARSTON MOOR CHASE
(Grade II: limited handicap: £15,228: 2m 5f) (8)

1 1111/ BLAZING WALKER 673 (C,D,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 9-12-0 C Grant
2 2RU3 KINGS FOUNTAIN 28 (B,F,G,S) K Bailey 10-11-8 A Tory
3 03P0 FERODA 40 (D,G,S) A Moore 12-10-12 T J Taaffe
4 1252 DEEP SENSATION 21 (F,G,S) J Gifford 8-10-11 D Murphy
5 P10/U WINGSPAN 7 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 9-10-11 J Frost
6 1434 JOYFUL NOISE 7 (G,S) A Jarvis 10-10-10 T Jarvis
7 3/P53 MULTUM IN PARVO 14 (F,S) J Edwards 10-10-7 N Williamson
8 3441 ARMAGRET 21 (C,F,G,S) B Wilkinson 8-10-7 D Byrne

9-4 Kings Fountain, 11-4 Deep Sensation, 9-2 Wingspan, 7-1 Blazing Walker, 10-1 Multum In Parvo, Armagret, 16-1 Joyful Noise, 25-1 Feroda.

3.35 SKIPTON NOVICES CHASE
(£2,924: 2m 5f) (9)

1 -01P SANDY BEAU 81 (F) J Hanson 7-11-8 A Orkney
2 6SPP- BROTHER ANDREW 325 Denys Smith 7-11-2 C Grant
3 4U3P BURGUNDY BOY 73 (BF,S) A Jarvis 9-11-2 T Jarvis
4 5-224 CAPTAIN CUTE 16 D Garraton 8-11-2 D Byrne
5 0P03 EQUINOCTIAL 10 (F,S) M Dods 8-11-2 T Reed
6 0-2P HOUGHTON 4 (BF,G,S) M W Easterby 7-11-2 R Garritty
7 /5PP- INCONCLUSIVE 276 (G) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-2 J Burke (7)
8 4102 THE LAUGHING LORD 8 (F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 7-11-2 K Johnson
9 P465 CANTGETOUT 21 Mrs S Smith 7-10-11 N Williamson

11-4 The Laughing Lord, 7-2 Sandy Beau, 5-1 Captain Cute, 11-2 Houghton, 8-1 Burgundy Boy, 12-1 Equinoctial, 16-1 others.

4.05 RIEVAULX HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,635: 2m) (5)

1 0105 QUALITAIR SOUND 14 (D,F,G,S) J Bottomley 5-12-0 J J Quinn
2 35-P GOOD PROFILE 28 (CD,G,S) G Moore 5-12-0 C Grant
3 2053 BOLLIN PATRICK 21 (BF,D,F,S) M H Easterby 8-11-13 R Garritty
4 -244 BEACHY HEAD 14 (D,G,S) J J O'Neill 5-11-12 D Murphy
5 1213 LOCH GARANNE 21 (CD,S) M Camacho 5-10-9 D Byrne

7-4 Beachy Head, 11-4 Loch Garanne, 3-1 Qualitair Sound, 11-2 Good Profile, 6-1 Bollin Patrick.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gifford, 5 winners from 20 runners, 25.0%, Jimmy Fitzgerald, 21 from 98, 21.4%; C Trietline, 3 from 16, 18.8%, K Morgan, 10 from 54, 18.5%; M H Easterby, 25 from 136, 18.4%, N Tinkler, 15 from 89, 16.9%; M Hammond, 11 from 65, 16.9%

JOCKEYS: Mr S Swiers, 7 from 43, 16.3%; A S Smith, 5 from 31, 16.1%; C Grant, 23 from 175, 13.1%; D Byrne, 5 from 39, 12.8%; A Merrigan, 7 from 65, 10.8%; T Reed, 7 from 65, 10.8.

☐ Ladbrokes cut Peter Scudamore's odds to win the jockeys' championship from 5-2 on to 4-1 on after he won on Damier Blanc, Hawthorn Blaze and Big Ben Dun at Lingfield yesterday to move within five wins of Richard Dunwoody.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

12.55 Home Counties. 1.25 Gay Ruffian. 2.00 Trainglot. 2.35 Rushing Wild. 3.10 Valfinet. 3.40 Fragrant Dawn. 4.10 Winter Squall.

GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT (HURDLES)

12.55 RIPLEY FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE C4
(£3,454: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

101 41213 CLURICAN 56 (CD,BF,S) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 11-8 W Marston (3) 89
102 21 VIARDOT 10 (D,S) (Shaikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al-Maktoum) M Pipe 11-4 P Scudamore 73
103 26 DESERT FORCE 80 (BF) (J Naughton) Miss G Kelleway 11-0 NON-RUNNER
104 3 HOME COUNTIES 15 (Shaikh Ahmed bin S Al-Maktoum) N Henderson 11-0 R Dunwoody 89
105 2U035 MAESTROSO 28 (Mrs T Dunbar) R Johnson Houghton 11-0 M Dwyer 88
106 MR JERVIS (Felix Rosenstiel's Widow & Son) J Gifford 10-10 P Hide (5) —

BETTING: 6-4 Home Counties, 7-4 Viardot, 4-1 Clurican, 12-1 Maestroso, 25-1 Mr Jervis.

1992: MONTEBEL 11-8 P Scudamore (7-1) N Twiston-Davies 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLURICAN gained second success when beating Land Of The Free (winner since) 8l at Hereford (2m 1f, heavy). 14l 3rd of 11 to Dare To Dream in grade II Lingfield (2m 110yd, soft) novice hurdle with MAESTROSO tailed off 9th.

VIARDOT beat Easthorpe 4l in 11-runner Wolverhampton (2m 110yd, soft) novice hurdle. Previously 12l 2nd of 10 to Beauchamp Grace in Towcester (2m, heavy) novice hurdle. HOME COUNTIES had good form on the Flat in Ireland. On hurdles debut, 2¾l 3rd of 11 to Indian Quest in Kempton (2m, soft) novice hurdle.

MAESTROSO 2¾l 3rd of 24 to Scrutineer in Newbury (2m 110yd, soft) novice hurdle on penultimate start.

Selection: HOME COUNTIES (nap)

1.25 SCILLY ISLES NOVICES CHASE C4
(Grade I: £19,110: 2m 4f 110yd) (11 runners)

201 P3-1125 CAMELOT KNIGHT 21 (S) (Mrs L Dresher) Miss H Knight 7-11-6 J Osborne 88
202 211121 DAWSON CITY 21 (D,F,G,S) (G Shouler) M H Easterby 6-11-6 L Wyer 88
203 006P-F3 EDIMBOURG 18 (H Winton) T Etherington 7-11-6 M Hourigan 50
204 35-1143 FIGHTING WORDS 28 (F,G) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 7-11-6 P Hide 80
205 21FF12 FOREST SUN 14 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) G Balding 8-11-6 A Maguire 83
206 436-111 GAY RUFFIAN 8 (D,G,S) (F Jones) M Pipe 7-11-6 P Scudamore 90
207 5-12132 LAKE TEEREEN 28 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Grantham) R Rowe 8-11-6 T Grantham 81
208 F0-113P PHILS PRIDE 14 (BF,G,S) (A Bayman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-6 M Dwyer 71
209 F5-1013 RETAIL RUNNER 21 (G,S) (M Pinto) J Gifford 8-11-6 E Murphy 86
210 402111 YOUNG HUSTLER 7 (D,F,G,S) (G MacEchern) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-6 C Llewellyn 89
211 5U6-F11 DUBACILLA 18 (S) (Mrs V Cole) H Cole 7-11-1 S Burrough 75

BETTING: 5-2 Young Hustler, 4-1 Gay Ruffian, 5-1 Dawson City, 6-1 Forest Sun, 8-1 Camelot Knight, 10-1 Lake Teereen, 14-1 Phils Pride, 16-1 Retail Runner, Dubacilla, 20-1 others.

1992: BRADBURY STAR 7-11-6 D J Murphy (5-5 fav) J Gifford 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAMELOT KNIGHT 2¼l 2nd of 10 to Travelling Wrong in Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, soft) novice chase on penultimate start. DAWSON CITY beat Greek Flutter 12l in 5-runner grade II Newcastle (2m 4f, good to soft) novice chase.

FOREST SUN beat LAKE TEEREEN (same terms) 1½l in 11-runner novice chase over course and distance (good to soft) on penultimate start with FIGHTING WORDS (same terms) 1l 3rd.

GAY RUFFIAN completed treble when beating The Laughing Lord 30l in 9-runner Uttoxeter (3m 5f, heavy) novice chase. PHILS PRIDE 6½l 3rd of 8 to Wonder Man in Kempton (2m, good to soft) novice chase on penultimate start.

RETAIL RUNNER beat Grange Blake 6l in 7-runner grade II Ascot (2m 3f 110yd, soft) novice chase on penultimate start with LAKE TEEREEN (4lb better off) ¾l 3rd.

YOUNG HUSTLER completed treble when beating Otterburn House 5l in valuable Doncaster (3m, good) handicap chase.

DUBACILLA moves up in class after wins at Wincanton (2m, soft) and Taunton (2m 3f, soft).

Selection: DAWSON CITY

2.00 TOTE JACKPOT HANDICAP HURDLE C4
(Grade III: £13,550: 2m 6f) (15 runners)

301 1-11132 BOLLIN WILLIAM 28 (S) (Sir Neil Westbrook) M H Easterby 5-11-10 L Wyer 97
302 121/103- BALASANI 371 (C,F,G) (M Smith) M Pipe 7-11-9 M Perrett 88
303 0513-45 HOLY JOE 14 (F,S) (T Pilkington) A J Wilson 11-11-5 L Harvey 92
304 123106 SWEET DUKE 22 (G,S) (A Mavrou) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-4 C Llewellyn 89
305 41333U PEANUTS PET 14 (F,G,S) (The Ivy Syndicate) T Tate 8-11-2 J Osborne 97
306 342041 KETTI 14 (C,F,G,S) (Berkshire Components Ltd) D Williams 8-11-0 H Davies 94
307 1210-30 BEEBOB 14 (G,S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-11-0 P Scudamore 86
308 0-31112 RUN UP THE FLAG 40 (CD,BF,F,S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 6-10-13 P Hide (5) 97
309 3F-13U0 CALABRESE 22 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Fagan) N Henderson 8-10-10 R Dunwoody —
310 11-1121 SILLARS STALKER 56 (C,F,G,S) (Sillars Engineering) Mrs J Ramsden 5-10-3 A Maguire 97
311 51F6SP BELAFONTE 42 (F,G,S) (A Boden) P Murphy 6-10-2 M Hourigan (3) 98
312 2F2-311 TRAINGLOT 11 (G,S) (Marquesa de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-2 M Dwyer 96
313 132210 FAIRFIELDS CONE 49 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Holder) R Dickin 10-10-0 W Marston (3) 95
314 61-3421 NORTHERN VILLAGE 16 (G) (Visual Identity Ltd) S Dow 6-10-0 A Dicken (5) 94
315 31451P BE MY HABITAT 7 (S) (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 4-10-0 A Scholes (5) 84

Long handicap: Fairfields Cone 9-5, Northern Village 9-5, Be My Habitat 8-10.

BETTING: 5-2 Trainglot, 5-1 Sillars Stalker, 7-1 Run Up The Flag, 8-1 Ketti, 10-1 Bollin William, 12-1 Holy Joe, Sweet Duke, 14-1 Balasani, 16-1 Peanuts Pet, Calabrese, 20-1 Belafonte, 25-1 Beebob, 33-1 Fairfields Cone, Northern Village, 50-1 Be My Habitat.

1992: BLACK SAPPHIRE 5-10-0 B Powell (33-1) M Tompkins 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLLIN WILLIAM 5l 2nd of 7 to Valfinet in Haydock (2m, soft) handicap hurdle. HOLY JOE neck 2nd of 12 to Black Sapphire in this race last year (good) with BALASANI (3lb better off) 1½l 3rd.

KETTI beat Primitive Singer 10l in 12-runner Kempton (2m 5f, soft) handicap hurdle with HOLY JOE (10lb better off) 5½l 5th and PEANUTS PET in touch when unseated rider 7th.

RUN UP THE FLAG 6l 2nd of 8 to Martin Dancer in Kempton (2m 5f, good to soft) handicap hurdle with NORTHERN VILLAGE (10lb worse off) 12l 4th. Earlier beat Petosku 5l in 7-runner handicap over course and distance (heavy) with HOLY JOE (7lb better off) 25l 4th.

SILLARS STALKER beat Manenda ¾l in 13-runner Doncaster (2m 4f, good to soft) handicap hurdle.

TRAINGLOT, heavily backed ante-post for this race, completed double when beating Truth 4l in 15-runner Nottingham (2m, good to soft) novice hurdle.

Selection: RUN UP THE FLAG

2.35 AGFA DIAMOND CHASE C4
(Grade II: limited handicap: £18,840: 3m 110yd) (4 runners)

401 1F1-11 RUSHING WILD 28 (C,D,G,S) (Hunt & Co Ltd) M Pipe 8-12-0 P Scudamore 99
402 210153 CAPTAIN DIBBLE 22 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Vaughan) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-6 C Llewellyn 94
403 11/510 ROYAL ATHLETE 22 (D,F,G,S) (G & L Johnson) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-2 M Pitman —
404 F2-1110 COUNTRY MEMBER 35 (CD,G,S) (Mrs C Williams) A Turnell 8 10-7 L Harvey 98

Long handicap: Country Member 10-3.

BETTING: 4-6 Rushing Wild, 3-1 Captain Dibble, 6-1 Country Member, 7-1 Royal Athlete.

1992: ESPY 9-10-7 G Bradley (11-1) C Brooks 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

RUSHING WILD beat Cool Ground 25l in 11-runner handicap chase here (3m 5f, good to soft). CAPTAIN DIBBLE 14l 3rd of 6 to Very Very Ordinary in Ascot (3m, heavy) handicap chase. ROYAL ATHLETE 32l 7th of 14 to Sweet Glow in Ascot (3m, heavy) handicap hurdle. Earlier beat Glebelands Girl 1½l in Windsor (2m 6f, good to soft) handicap hurdle. COUNTRY MEMBER 18l 10th to Jodami in Newbury (3m 2f, soft) handicap chase. Earlier beat Black Humour 4l in 7-runner handicap chase over this course and distance (soft).

Selection: RUSHING WILD

3.10 AGFA HURDLE (£10,113: 2m 110yd) (6 runners) C4

501 2/2112-0 GRAN ALBA 40 (D,F,G,S) (D Thompson) R Hannon 7-11-10 S McNeill 84
502 261-123 MORLEY STREET 56 (CD,F,G,S) (M Jackson B'stock) G Balding 9-11-10 R Dunwoody 88
503 61-1111 VALFINET 16 (CD,G,S) (F Farrant) M Pipe 8-11-0 P Scudamore 98
504 310222 GALLANT EFFORT 16 (BF,S) (T Faep) S Dow 5-10-9 NON-RUNNER —
505 20F451/ MOLE BOARD 668 (D,F,G,S) (W Stott) J Old 11-10-9 C Llewellyn —
506 33423-4 RULING 14 (D,G,S) (I MacDonald & J Short) R Johnson Houghton 7-10-9 M Dwyer 99

BETTING: 7-4 Morley Street, 9-4 Valfinet, 7-2 Ruling, 9-2 Gran Alba, 33-1 Mole Board.

1992: FIDWAY 7-11-10 P Scudamore (9-2) T Thomson Jones 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

GRAN ALBA distant 7th of 8 to Mighty Mogul in grade I BonusPrint Christmas Hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to soft). Last season beat Royal Derbi 2¾l in 7-runner corresponding race (2m, good to firm).

MORLEY STREET 16l 3rd of 6 to Halkopous in grade II Arlington Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft). Earlier beat Granville Again 1l in 4-runner Cheltenham (2m, heavy) hurdle. VALFINET beat Song Of Sixpence 10l in 7-runner Taunton (2m 1f, soft) handicap hurdle. MOLE BOARD last raced when beating Yaheeb 2l in 7-runner grade II Keith Prowse Long Distance Hurdle at Ascot (3m, good) in April 1991.

RULING 25l 4th of 5 to Jinxy Jack in grade II Haydock Champion Hurdle Trial (2m, heavy). Last season ½l 3rd of 16 to Royal Gait in grade I Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, good) with MORLEY STREET (15lb worse off) 7l 6th.

Selection: RULING

3.40 ELMBRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£5,472: 2m) (5 runners)

601 U/116-P3 STAR'S DELIGHT 14 (CD,F,G,S) (F Barr) M Pipe 11-11-10 P Scudamore 96
602 12112-0 YOUNG POKEY 119 (D,F,G) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 8-11-4 J Osborne 94
603 0-11111 STORM ALERT 33 (D,G,S) (Lt-Col W Whetherly) A Turnell 7-10-11 S McNeill 92
604 555-163 FRAGRANT DAWN 21 (D,F,G,S) (W O'Gorman) D Elsworth 9-10-7 P Holley 91
605 212P1P EMSEE-H 21 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-10-3 A Maguire 99

BETTING: 2-1 Storm Alert, 3-1 Emsee-H, 7-2 Fragrant Dawn, 5-1 Young Pokey, 6-1 Star's Delight.

1992: EDBERG 8-11-1 A Orkney (9-4) J Johnson 5 ran

4.10 FEBRUARY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,916: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

1 5-1211P GIVENTIME 7 (D,BF,S) (L Kimber) A Turnell 5-11-8 D Fortt (7) 98
2 1 AS DU TREFLE 12 (D,S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-11-0 P Scudamore 94
3 8 BEDFIELD 9 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 5-11-0 B Murphy (7) —
4 30 BOOK OF MUSIC 22 (BF) (Mrs D Lousada) J Gifford 5-11-0 P Hide (5) 92
5 0PP GOLDEN FRAME 30 (Mrs J Murray Smith) D Murray Smith 6-11-0 J White —
6 2 ROSE KING 29 (M Pinto) J Gifford 6-11-0 E Murphy —
7 ROSS GRAHAM 92F (C Horsbenry/A Wilton) Mrs B Waring 5-11-0 P Holley —
8 3 SOUND CARRIER 33 (BF) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 5-11-0 J Osborne —
9 13-051 WINTER SQUALL 17 (D,S) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 5-11-0 R Dunwoody 99
10 5-5 YEOMAN WARRIOR 15 (Mrs H Allwen) R Rowe 6-11-0 H Davies 57

BETTING: 2-1 Giventime, 5-2 As Du Trefle, 7-2 Winter Squall, 8-1 Book Of Music, 10-1 Sound Carrier, 14-1 Rose King, 16-1 Yeoman Warrior, 20-1 others.

1992: SPINNING 5-11-4 B Powell (5-6 fav) I Balding 10 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Jimmy Fitzgerald	3	9	33.3	P Scudamore	15	45	33.3
M Pipe	17	59	28.8	M Dwyer	3	10	30.0
Miss H Knight	3	11	27.3	J Osborne	15	70	21.4
D Nicholson	14	64	21.9	L Harvey	6	28	21.4
O Sherwood	10	52	19.2	R Dunwoody	25	121	20.7
D Murray Smith	4	21	19.0	A Maguire	6	32	18.8

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

SANDOWN PARK
C4

12.55: Clurican has had a break after five quick races and could be the value to beat Shaikh Ahmed's pair, Home Counties and Viardot. The winner of two minor races, Clurican also has solid placed form behind Mohana at Cheltenham and Dare To Dream at Lingfield.

1.25: After three easy wins round the minor tracks, **Gay Ruffian** is thrown in at the deep end here but Martin Pipe's improving novice looks up to it. Young Hustler may find this coming too soon after Doncaster while Dawson City was probably flattered by his proximity to Sybillin at Newcastle.

2.00: Northern stables hold a strong hand and **Sillars Stalker** is given narrow preference over Trainglot, who may start at a false price. The Ramsdens have placed Sillars Stalker skilfully to win seven of his nine races over hurdles, six of them in handicap company, and he goes well for Adrian Maguire.

2.35: Despite the smaller field, **Rushing Wild** faces a stiffer task than when beating Cool Ground in receipt of 27lb here last month. However, he should win again and enhance his Gold Cup prospects.

3.10: Ruling is hard to win with but has an undeniable chance on these terms. Twice placed in the Champion Hurdle, he ran well for a long way on his Haydock return before blowing up. Valfinet looks a bigger danger than the top weights, Morley Street and Gran Alba.

CHEPSTOW
BBC1

1.00: Plastic Spaceage can end a frustrating run of seconds by beating suspect jumper Last 'O' The Bunch and doubtful stayer Wide Boy.

1.30: Surprise Welsh National runner-up **Riverside Boy** can underline his Aintree credentials by following up a hard-fought Taunton win. Fiddlers Pike, aided by a 6lb rise in the weights overnight, looks the danger.

2.00: Brackenfield is narrowly preferred to fellow northern challengers Lo Stregone and Thistle Monarch. Mary Reveley's progressive novice will relish this test of stamina and can extend his unbeaten run this season to five.

PHIL MCLENNAN

STRATFORD

THUNDERER

1.25 Formal Invitation. 1.55 Co-Chin. 2.25 Tesekkurederim. 2.55 Pithy. 3.25 Captain Frisk. 3.55 Wellington Brown. 4.25 Albertito.

Brian Beel: 3.55 Wellington Brown.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES)

1.25 CHARLECOTE NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: 4-Y-O: £1,480: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

1 5100 TAURIAN PRINCESS 10 (D,S) W Clay 10-13 Diane Clay
2 AREMEF 21F Mrs J Cecil 10-12 T Kent
3 FORMAL INVITATION 142F D Nicholson 10-12 R Bellamy
4 MY CZECH MATE 215F K Clutterbuck 10-12 A Wingate (7)
5 TOSS THE DICE 95F M Tompkins 10-12 S Smith Eccles
6 EXCELLED 215F C Drew 10-7 J Railton
7 LISSADELL LADY 132F F Jordan 10-7 J Lodder
8 PP MISS CRESTA 21 D Wellicome 10-7 A Carroll
9 MISS SOUTER 513F H Howe 10-7 W McFarland
10 6 STRIKING IMAGE 11 J Moore 10-7 A Charlton

9-4 Aremef, 5-2 Formal Invitation, 4-1 Toss The Dice, 6-1 Taurian Princess, 10-1 My Czech Mate, 14-1 Striking Image, 20-1 others.

1.55 CHARLECOTE NOVICES HURDLE
(Div II: 4-Y-O: £1,480: 2m 110yd) (9)

1 121 CO-CHIN 15 (D,S) D Moffatt 11-10 D J Moffatt (5)
2 005 BROUGHTON'S TANGO 15 M Hexton-Ellis 10-12 S Keightley
3 42 COURT OF KINGS 36 J Bradley 10-12 Mr G Lewis (7)
4 U053 HOLY WANDERER 18 D Arbuthnot 10-12 G Upton
5 WAAZA 115F Miss L Siddall 10-12 M Richards
6 KASISI 139F J Webber 10-7 M Lynch
7 0 MITOROSHANGA 98 J Collinson 10-7 I Lawrence
8 F50 SHARRIBA 15 G Humphrey 10-7 A Webb
9 0 THEM TIMES 11 F Jordan 10-7 J Lodder

7-4 Holy Wanderer, 2-1 Co-Chin, 6-1 Court Of Kings, 8-1 Waaza, 10-1 Broughton's Tango, 12-1 Kasisi, 16-1 others.

2.25 LOXLEY SELLING HURDLE
(£1,749: 2m 6f 110yd) (7)

1 0000 MARIOLINO 42 (S) P Leach 6-11-9 S Hodgson
2 4F44 BAYBEEJAY 12 (G) R Brotherton 6-11-4 D Meredith (5)
3 0/F-U HIGHLAND BRAVE 148 J Colston 6-11-3 V Slattery (5)
4 3324 TESEKKUREDERIM 28 W Clay 6-11-3 Diane Clay
5 50-5 LISA ROSA 8 (G) Miss S Wilton 6-11-2 T Eley (5)
6 6332 NORTHERN OPTIMIST 63 B Llewellyn 5-10-12 Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
7 6604 STAPLEFORD LADY 16 R Manning 5-10-12 S Smith Eccles

2-1 Tesekkurederim, 11-4 Lisa Rosa, 7-2 Northern Optimist, 5-1 Baybeejay, 8-1 Stapleford Lady, 12-1 others.

2.55 ALSCOT HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,031: 2m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 3642 NORTHERN JINKS 9 (B,S) R Dickin 10-11-10 D Meredith (5)
2 11-14 DRIVING FORCE 17 (F,S) M McCourt 7-11-9 Mr T Jenks (7)
3 2212 PITHY 8 (BF,G,S) R Price 11-11-0 D Leahy (5)
4 3442 WILL'S BOUNTY 87 (F) J Colston 10-10-0 V Slattery (5)

13-8 Pithy, 2-1 Driving Force, 11-4 Northern Jinks, 11-2 Will's Bounty.

3.25 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE
(Qualifier: £2,997: 3m) (12)

1 2124 CAPTAIN FRISK 8 (S) K Bailey 10-11-4 J Railton
2 4U12 RATHVINDEN HOUSE 11 (G,S) T Thomson Jones 8-11-4 S Smith Eccles
3 U31P RED AMBER 31 (S) S Sherwood 7-11-4 M Richards
4 0P-P ARTFUL ARTHUR 28 (B,G) J McConnochie 7-10-12 I Lawrence
5 /PP BAY-EM-VAY 49 Graham Richards 11-10-12 Mr G Lewis (7)
6 /FP DUNKERY BEACON 73 H Howe 7-10-12 W McFarland
7 0P JACK'S BARN 79 (V) J Bosley 9-10-12 M Bosley
8 01-F MOUNTSHANNON 8 (G) C Trietline 7-10-12 S Earle
9 40UF NEWS REVIEW 8 D Williams 10-10-12 Mr E Williams (7)
10 22-4 SALLY'S GEM 11 (G) J White 8-10-12 D Skyrme
11 006/U SANDYBRAES 52 (G) D Nicholson 8-10-12 R Bellamy
12 P243 YOUNG MINER 17 (S) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 7-10-12 G Upton

11-10 Rathvinden House, 2-1 Captain Frisk, 13-2 Red Amber, 8-1 Sally's Gem, 12-1 Young Miner, 16-1 News Review, 20-1 others.

3.55 CREDIT CALL CUP HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,368: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1 312- CURAHEEN BOY 280 (F,G) C Trietline 13-12-7 Miss J Butler (7)
2 /121- DUNCAN 336 (F,G) Miss C Saunders 8-12-7 M Armytage
3 16P- PORTER'S SONG 253 (G) R Hutsby 12-12-7 L Lay (7)
4 /11F- WELLINGTON BROWN 319 (F,G) Mrs H Trigg 9-12-7 M Batters (7)
5 000- LASTOFTHEVIKINGS 345 Miss U McGuinness 8-12-0 J G Townson (7)
6 3/ NGERU 952F R Heathfield 7-12-0 R Heathfield (7)
7 4- SWEATSHIRT 341 S Pike 8-12-0 J Durkan (3)
8 PU/ HANNAH MILLIE NICK 735 F Matthews 8-11-9 S Griffiths (7)

4-6 Wellington Brown, 5-1 Sweatshirt, 6-1 Duncan, 8-1 Curaheen Boy, 12-1 Porter's Song, 20-1 Ngeru, 33-1 others.

4.25 AVON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,786: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 113- FLAKEY DOVE 268F (D,F,G,S) R Price 7-12-0 D Tegg
2 1/22- CRYSTAL BEAR 438 (CD,S) T Forster 8-11-8 J Railton
3 42/0/ RI-NA-RITHANN 834 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-4 R Marley
4 /640- VILLA RECOS 308 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-2 M Pitman
5 20/0- CELTIC BOB 18F (D,F,S) O O'Neill 13-11-0 V Slattery (5)
6 /311- ALBERTITO 301 (CD,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-10-3 S Wynne (5)

2-1 Flakey Dove, 9-4 Albertito, 4-1 Crystal Bear, 6-1 Villa Recos, 8-1 Ri-Na-Rithann, 12-1 Celtic Bob.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: T Forster, 17 winners from 55 runners, 30.9%; Mrs J Pitman, 8 from 51, 15.7%; D Nicholson, 10 from 65, 15.4%; K Bailey, 4 from 26, 15.4%; J White, 5 from 35, 14.3%; F Jordan, 6 from 43, 14.0%.

JOCKEYS: Diane Clay, 3 winners from 15 rides, 20.0%, J Railton, 5 from 39, 12.8%; W McFarland, 4 from 36, 11.1%; I Lawrence, 3 from 29, 10.3%; J Lodder, 4 from 40, 10.0%. Only qualifiers.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Fontwell, Wolverhampton, Southwell (AW). *TUESDAY: Carlisle, Warwick, Lingfield (AW).* **WEDNESDAY:** Ascot, Ludlow, Southwell (AW). THURSDAY: Huntingdon, Wincanton, Lingfield (AW). FRIDAY: Newbury, Ayr, Bangor, Southwell (AW). SATURDAY: Newbury, Ayr, Catterick, Uttoxeter, Lingfield (AW).
(Flat meetings in bold)

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

1.50 Set The Fashion. 2.20 Respectable Jones. 2.50 Strat's Legacy. 3.20 No Submission. 3.50 Absolutely Fact. 4.20 Simmoor.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.50 ALPINE MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,208: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

1 00/2 DOC'S COAT 7J C Wildman 8-9-2 T Quinn 2
2 /00- LOWAWATHA 32J D Morris 5-9-2 Stephen Davies (5) 7
3 00/ MARSH WARBLER 102J R Frost 5-9-2 J Williams 1
4 5-66 WESSEX MILORD 7 J Bennett 8-9-2 Claire Balding (7) 6
5 60-0 FREE TRANSFER 36 (V) J Wainwright 4-9-0 D Nicholls 5
6 54- SET THE FASHION 340 (V) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-0 Dean McKeown 8
7 0-05 CASTLE GALAH 14 (V) S Woodman 6-8-11 B Doyle (5) 4
8 2-00 RICH HEIRESS 14 (B) A Moore 4-8-9 Candy Morris 3

5-4 Set The Fashion, 2-1 Doc's Coat, 4-1 Free Transfer, 12-1 Lowawatha, 16-1 Castle Galah, 20-1 others.

2.20 COCHRANE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,489: 7f) (5)

1 -131 RESPECTABLE JONES 7 (CD,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-9-1 W Ryan 4
2 3-46 MAC'S FIGHTER 9 (B,C,D,F,G) R O'Sullivan 8-8-7 B Russell (7) 1
3 00-0 MAHZOOZ 8 J Pearce 4-8-7 G Bardwell 5
4 -030 SAMSOLOM 2 (F) P Howling 5-8-7 J Quinn 2
5 -042 BOLD HABIT 9 (CD,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 8-8-3 Stephen Davies (5) 3

7-4 Bold Habit, 2-1 Respectable Jones, 11-4 Mac's Fighter, 6-1 Samsolom, 20-1 Mahzooz.

2.50 COLLINGWOOD HANDICAP
(£2,976: 1m 4f) (10)

1 -310 MODEST HOPE 7 (D,F) R Spicer 6-10-0 J McLaughlin 3
2 00/5 CAL NORMA'S LADY 18 (F,G) A Hide 5-9-7 W Ryan 6
3 -242 EL DOMINIO 7 (C,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 5-9-7 G Bardwell 5
4 00-6 COOL SOCIETY 7 (F) W Musson 4-9-7 D McCabe (7) 10
5 5-42 HUNTING GROUND 18 R Peacock 5-9-3 A Tucker (3) 2
6 22-1 STRAT'S LEGACY 18 (CD,F) D Arbuthnot 6-9-3 J Quinn 7
7 0-13 NASEER 9 (C,G) N Callaghan 4-8-11 T Williams 9
8 2-00 LA REINE ROUGE 15 (CD) Mrs A Knight 5-8-9 F Norton (3) 4
9 005- ROGER RABBIT 16J R Frost 4-8-4 N Adams 8
10 /06- EASTER TERM 275 M Channon 5-7-12 G Carter 1

7-2 Strat's Legacy, 4-1 El Dominio, 5-1 Naseer, 6-1 Hunting Ground, 7-1 Modest Hope, 10-1 La Reine Rouge, 12-1 Cal Norma's Lady, Cool Society, 16-1 others.

3.20 JERVIS HANDICAP (£3,806: 1m) (7)

1 -111 NO SUBMISSION 8 (D,G,S) D Chapman 7-10-0 S Wood 3
2 1-41 ALLINSON'S MATE 26 (F) T Barron 5-9-8 Alex Greaves 5
3 5-02 AMENABLE 22 (CD,F,B,S) R Spicer 8-9-0 J McLaughlin 4
4 -542 TRY LEGUARD 18 (C,G) J Moore 4-8-1 D Wright (7) 7
5 -163 SCOTS LAW 7 (B,CD,F) R O'Sullivan 6-7-8 D Biggs 2
6 3-22 KILLICK 14 (CD,BF) R Peacock 5-7-7 J Quinn 6
7 2-00 GUESSTIMATION 8 J Pearce 4-7-7 G Bardwell 1

3-1 No Submission, 7-2 Amenable, 9-2 Allinson's Mate, 6-1 Killick, 7-1 Try Leguard, 8-1 Scots Law, 12-1 Guesstimation.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield: 1.50 Rich Heiress.

3.50 BLACKWOOD HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,231: 1m) (7)

1 22-1 ABSOLUTELY FACT 23 (CD) C C Elsey 9-7 T Quinn 7
2 21-4 PERSIAN GUSHER 30 (F,C,BF) S Dow 9-5 A Martinez (7) 5
3 -322 MISTER BLAKE 15 (B,BF) W O'Gorman 8-9 Emma O'Gorman (3) 3
4 03-1 KRYPTOS 23 (C) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 Dean McKeown 2
5 00-3 ASHOVER 8 T Barron 8-9 Alex Greaves 6
6 4631 MARK'S CLUB 9 (B,CD,G) R O'Sullivan 8-7 D Biggs 1
7 50-1 TAKE YOUR PARTNER 18 (C) M Johnston 7-12 T Williams 4

11-4 Mister Blake, 7-2 Absolutely Fact, 9-2 Kryptos, 5-1 Mark's Club, 7-1 Persian Gusher, 8-1 Take Your Partner, 12-1 Ashover.

4.20 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP (£3,002: 6f) (12)

1 52-5 INVOCATION 35 (C) A Moore 6-10-0 B Russell (7) 6
2 30-5 NORTH ESK 23 (D,F) D Wilson 4-9-10 M Tebbutt 8
3 505- SADDLEHOME 52 (D,F) J Scargill 4-9-10 N Day 11
4 -111 PLAY HEVER GOLF 8 (C,D) T Naughton 3-9-6 W Ryan 7
5 31-4 HENIU 35 (V,C,BF) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-3 T Quinn 3
6 12-3 BANBURY FLYER 28 (CD,BF,F) Mrs A King 5-9-3 J Williams 4
7 048- SALLY'S SON 48 (CD,F) W O'Gorman 7-9-1 Emma O'Gorman (3) 2
8 251- ESTHAL 131 (B) R Hodges 3-8-13 S Drowne (7) 9
9 -125 SIMMOOR 18 (B,CD) R Hannon 4-8-10 A McGlone 12
10 2-10 HINARI VIDEO 9 (C,D,BF,G,S) M Johnston 8-8-10 Dean McKeown 1
11 0-06 WELLSY LAD 15 (C,D,S) D Chapman 8-8-8 S Wood 5
12 065- AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT 84 (C,D,F,G,S) T Naughton 6-8-8 M Jermy (7) 10

9-2 Play Hever Golf, 5-1 Hinari Video, 6-1 Heniu, 7-1 Banbury Flyer, 8-1 Simmoor, 10-1 Sally's Son, Esthal, 14-1 Saddlehome, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Hollinshead, 10 winners from 27 runners, 37.0%; Lord Huntingdon, 10 from 33, 30.3%; W O'Gorman, 30 from 127, 23.6%, N Callaghan, 12 from 58, 20.7%; M Johnston, 13 from 66, 19.7%; T Barron, 7 from 37, 18.9%.

JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman, 30 winners from 119 rides, 25.2%; Dean McKeown, 24 from 122, 19.7%; Alex Greaves, 9 from 46, 19.6%; Stephen Davies, 6 from 32, 18.8%; T Quinn, 46 from 246, 18.7%; N Day, 16 from 86, 18.6%.

Trainers shun Ascot

Only 44 horses have been entered for next Wednesday's six-race programme at Ascot despite prize-money in excess of £87,000. The four most valuable events have attracted a total of 19, with Martin Pipe responsible for three of the four acceptors for the Daily Telegraph Hurdle.

Only Boscean Chieftain is not trained by Pipe, and even he is not a certain starter. Jackie Retter, his trainer, said yesterday: "He will also be entered in a handicap next Saturday."

Pipe's three are Sweet Glow, Tyrone Bridge and Celtic Chief, who reverts from an unsuccessful spell over fences.

Last year's meeting was also badly supported with just 25 horses running on ground which was good to firm.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Kelso

Going: good (good to soft in places)

1.20 (2m 6f 110yd ch) 1, ROY'S DREAM (C Hawkins, 11-1); 2, Mister Tuftie (G McCourt, 4-7 fav); 3, Piper O'Drummond (A Merrigan, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Stagshaw Belle (4th), 12 Kinneston (ur), 25 Bawnruadh (f), 50 Celtic Waters (f). 7 ran. ½l, 8l, 8l. S Leadbetter at Berwick. Tote: £13.30; £2.50, £2.20. DF: £6.50. CSF: £17.47.

1.50 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, KALKO (P Niven, 6-4 fav); 2, Linkside (D J Moffatt, 66-1); 3, Operation Wolf (G McCourt, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Palacegate King (6th), 11-2 Make Me Proud (4th), 7 Kidlaw (5th), 20 Little Bromley (pu), 25 Oliver Duckett, 33 Sradara (pu), Hurricane Horace, 50 Aragon Ayr, The Tartan Dyer, Watson House, 100 Astraleon, 200 Beach Patrol (f), West Auckland (pu), Croesonen, Misses Jim, Flame Of Aragon. 19 ran. 8l, ¾l, 2½l, 3l, 7l. M Hammond at Middleham. Tote: £3.50; £1.00, £74.00, £4.20. DF: £65.10. CSF: £87.45.

2.20 (3m 4f ch) 1, PLENTY CRACK (B Storey, 9-1); 2, Bluff Knoll (G Harker, 4-1); 3, Mr Boston (G McCourt, 5-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Wheat Fettle (4th), 10 Stay On Tracks (6th), 16 Off The Bru (ur), 50 Abercromby Chief (5th). 7 ran. 8l, 25l, 12l, 20l, 20l. B Mactaggart at Hawick. Tote: £7.60; £17.90, £5.10. DF: £14.00. CSF: £40.94.

2.50 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, JINXY JACK (N Doughty, 1-8 fav); 2, Dizzy (P Williams, 8-1); 3, Seon (N Bentley, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Comet (4th), 250 Abeloni (5th). 500 Island Pearl (6th). 6 ran. 15l, 10l, 12l, dist, 25l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £2.60. CSF: £2.10.

3.20 (2m 1f ch) 1, CLAY COUNTY (B Storey, 4-1); 2, Gale Again (C Grant, 2-1); 3, Young Benz (L Wyer, 4-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 200 Kwacha (4th). 4 ran. 10l, 5l, dist. R Allan at Cornhill-on-Tweed. Tote: £5.10. DF: £3.70. CSF: £11.18.

3.50 (3m 1f ch) 1, FINAL CHANT (Mr R H Brown, 7-2); 2, Once Stung (Mr J Greenall, 3-1 fav); 3, Pollibrig (Mr M Buckley, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Jimmy River (f), 7 Rawyards Brig (f), 8 Political Issue (4th), 16 Barney Rubble (bd), 20 Ole Ole (bd), Paddy Hayton, Ready Steady (dd-ht 5th), Level Quay (dd-ht 5th), 50 Lover's Lock (f). 12 ran. ¾l, 12l, 12l, dist, dd-ht. D Brydon at Scarborough. Tote: £4.60; £4.90, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £4.80. CSF: £14.66.

4.20 (2m 2f hdle) 1, LEADING PROSPECT (B Storey, 4-1); 2, Kenilworth Lad (P Niven, Evens fav); 3, Full O'Praise (T Reed, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 14 Cametio (5th), 20 Highlandman (4th), Grazember, 25 Back Before Dawn (6th), 33 Deep Decision, 50 Mister Joe, 66 The Whirlie Weevil (f), 100 Chickabiddy, 200 Verbal Warning (pu), Supreme Blusher (pu), Sound Profit, Petticoat Rule, Bright Polly. 16 ran. Hd, 30l, 10l, 2½l, 12l. Mrs J Goodfellow at Earlston. Tote: £3.80; £1.20, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £3.60. CSF: £9.09.

Placepot: £85.80.

Lingfield Park

Going: soft with heavy patches

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Damier Blanc (P Scudamore, 2-9 fav); 2, Ballymoneyboy (5-1); 3, Chinaman (100-1). 7 ran. 12l, 20l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.40; £1.00, £2.50. DF: £2.30. CSF: £1.82.

2.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Hawthorn Blaze (P Scudamore, 1-8 fav); 2, Vodka Fizz (8-1); 3, Billyblime (33-1). 3 ran. NR: Switch. 20l, dist. M Pipe. Tote: £1.10. DF: £1.40. CSF: £1.34.

3.00 (3m ch) 1, Big Ben Dun (P Scudamore, 5-4 fav); 2, Mister Hartigan (8-1); 3, Mister Christian (8-1). 6 ran. NR: Midnight Caller. 2l, nk. J Upson. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £1.90. DF: £9.70. CSF: £9.59.

3.30 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Fotoexpress (T Grantham, 16-1); 2, Borreto (33-1); 3, Brightling Boy (8-1). Solid Steel 15-8 fav. 10 ran. 2l, 2l. R Rowe. Tote: £16.10; £5.00, £4.50, £1.70. DF: £132.40. CSF: £331.87.

4.00 (3m ch) 1, Tartan Trix (Mr P Hacking, 3-1); 2, Mandraki Shuffle (9-4 fav); 3, Tryumphant Lad (8-1). 9 ran. ¾l, 4l. W Hacking. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £4.50. CSF: £9.25.

4.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Sleepline Royale (S Smith Eccles, 6-4); 2, Glebelands Girl (7-1); 3, Woodurather (11-8 fav). 4 ran. NR: Tree Poppy, Clever Dick. 2l, 4l. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £1.90. DF: £2.30. CSF: £9.09.

Placepot: £120.50.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.10 (1m) 1, Fisba (Sally Radford-Howes, 6-1); 2, North Flyer (6-1); 3, Bowden Boy (12-1). Top One 5-6 fav. 8 ran. 3l, 6l. W Haggas. Tote: £12.70; £1.70, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £34.00. CSF: £39.39.

2.40 (7f) 1, Quinzii Martin (J Williams, 9-2); 2, On Y Va (9-4 fav); 3, The Dream Maker (14-1). 10 ran. 2l, ¾l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £4.90; £1.90, £1.30, £6.80. DF: £5.00. CSF: £14.41. Tricast: £119.49.

3.10 (1m 4f) 1, Heir Of Excitement (F Norton, 6-1); 2, Mr Poppleton (8-1); 3, Gee Double You (16-1). Kronprinz 4-1 fav. 12 ran. 1½l, 1½l. A Stringer. Tote: £8.60; £2.40, £3.20, £10.40. DF: £30.40. CSF: £51.04. Tricast: £676.84.

3.40 (1m) 1, Hotsocks (Kim McDonnell, 10-1); 2, Nikki Noo Noo (4-11 fav); 3, Kute Lucy (16-1). 8 ran. ¾l, 5l. Pat Mitchell. Tote: £9.00; £1.90, £1.30, £2.10. DF: £4.20. CSF: £13.54.

4.10 (2m) 1, Coleridge (K Rutter, 6-1); 2, Bedouin Prince (6-1); 3, Master's Crown (7-4 fav). 7 ran. 1½l, ¾l. D Shaw. Tote: £4.10, £3.30, £3.20. DF: £16.90. CSF: £36.56.

4.40 (6f) 1, Last Straw (Claire Balding, 7-1); 2, Choice Lot (50-1); 3, Quatre Femme (10-1). Toshiba Comet 4-1 fav. 15 ran. ¾l, nk. A Jones. Tote: £6.50; £2.40, £11.20, £3.20. DF: £167.50. CSF: £243.80. Tricast: £3,131.99. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £250.90.

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France may pack too many guns for Scots

FROM BRYAN STILES IN PARIS

SCOTLAND will emerge into the cauldron of noise at Parc des Princes this afternoon with more than their usual apprehension. They are having to rely on a heavily reconstructed pack — some of it jerry-built — as they attempt to win in Paris for the first time since 1969.

They made heavy weather of defeating a woeful Ireland team three weeks ago, and since then they have had to glue together their front row, drafting in Peter Wright, who is normally a tight-head prop, to take over at loose-head because Alan Watt is unfit. The French scent a weakness and will be eager to exploit it.

Indeed, the Scots will face a daunting examination all round from the French, who are revelling in their newfound pragmatism. The bloody political infighting which put French rugby in turmoil at national level early in the season has been put aside — they have even selected a beaten team *en bloc*. The French hierarchy might not have liked the way several of its players performed when losing by a point to England at Twickenham last month, but it has decided to do things the English way.

It has opted for consistency in selection, reminding itself that the players it picked to face England were the best in France. Narrow defeat away from home, after losing two centres to injury and being treated in cavalier fashion by Lady Luck, persuaded the selectors to dispense with old habits and keep faith with their players.

France feel they can still share the five nations' title, calculating they can see off the rest of their opponents and hoping that England, who do not look as solid as in the previous two seasons, will stumble against the home countries, where the outcome of matches often pays little regard to form.

France have a seasoned pack which gave England a hard time and will relish getting to grips with a Scottish eight which lacks a hard core of experience, but which luckily still has the services of Reed, the Bath lock, who passed a fitness test on his injured thigh yesterday.

Tordo, the France captain and hooker, who has managed to channel his energies away from explosive confrontation and into the provision of calculated forward power, will be hoping a crushing victory over Scotland will prove he is the right man to lead his country. France have previously lost to Argentina and England under his leadership.

At least Scotland have one trump card in Gary Armstrong, who will make life extremely uncomfortable for his scrum half rival, Hueber.

Armstrong is regarded by many as the best scrum half in the world now that Farr-Jones has retired. The self-effacing Scot puts Robert Jones, of Wales, ahead of him in the pecking order, but Jones does not cause as much confusion in the ranks of the opposition as Armstrong.

His electrifying, sniping runs close to the scrum when opposing back rows have been fooled into thinking he was going to move the ball wide, provide a tactic that will give the Scots an edge, at times.

Scotland have also used the attacking skills of their captain, Gavin Hastings, to telling effect in recent seasons. His unexpected injection of pace entering a threequarters move at an angle has proved a fruitful source of tries. Hastings is not likely to find much comfort from this afternoon's labours, however, as France should extend their 11-match winning sequence against them at home.

DETAILS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	1	1	0	0	15	3	2
England	1	1	0	0	16	15	2
France	1	0	0	1	15	16	0
Ireland	1	0	0	1	3	15	0
Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RESULTS: Jan 16: England 16, France 15; Scotland 15, Ireland 3.

FIXTURES: Today: France v Scotland; Wales v England. Feb 20: Ireland v France; Scotland v Wales. Mar 6: England v Scotland; Wales v Ireland. Mar 20: Ireland v England; France v Wales.

TODAY'S TEAMS IN PARIS

France			Scotland	
J-B Lafond (Bègles)	15	Full back	A J Hastings* (Watsonians)	15
P Saint-André (Montferrand)	14	Right wing	A G Stanger (Hawick)	14
P Sella (Agen)	13	Right centre	S Hastings (Watsonians)	13
T Lacroix (Dax)	12	Left centre	A G Shiel (Melrose)	12
P Hontas (Biarritz)	11	Left wing	D A Stark (Boroughmuir)	11
D Camberabero (Béziers)	10	Stand-off	C M Chalmers (Melrose)	10
A Hueber (Toulon)	9	Scrum half	G Armstrong (Jed-Forest)	9
L Armary (Lourdes)	1	Prop	P H Wright (Boroughmuir)	1
J-F Tordo* (Nice)	2	Hooker	K S Milne (Heriot's FP)	2
L Seigne (Merignac)	3	Prop	A P Burnell (London Scottish)	3
P Benetton (Agen)	6	Flanker	B J Turnbull (Hawick)	6
A Benazzi (Agen)	4	Lock	A I Reed (Bath)	4
O Roumat (Dax)	5	Lock	D F Cronin (London Scottish)	5
L Cabannes (Racing)	7	Flanker	I R Morrison (London Scottish)	7
M Cécillon (Bourgoin)	8	No. 8	G W Weir (Melrose)	8
*Captain		*Captain		

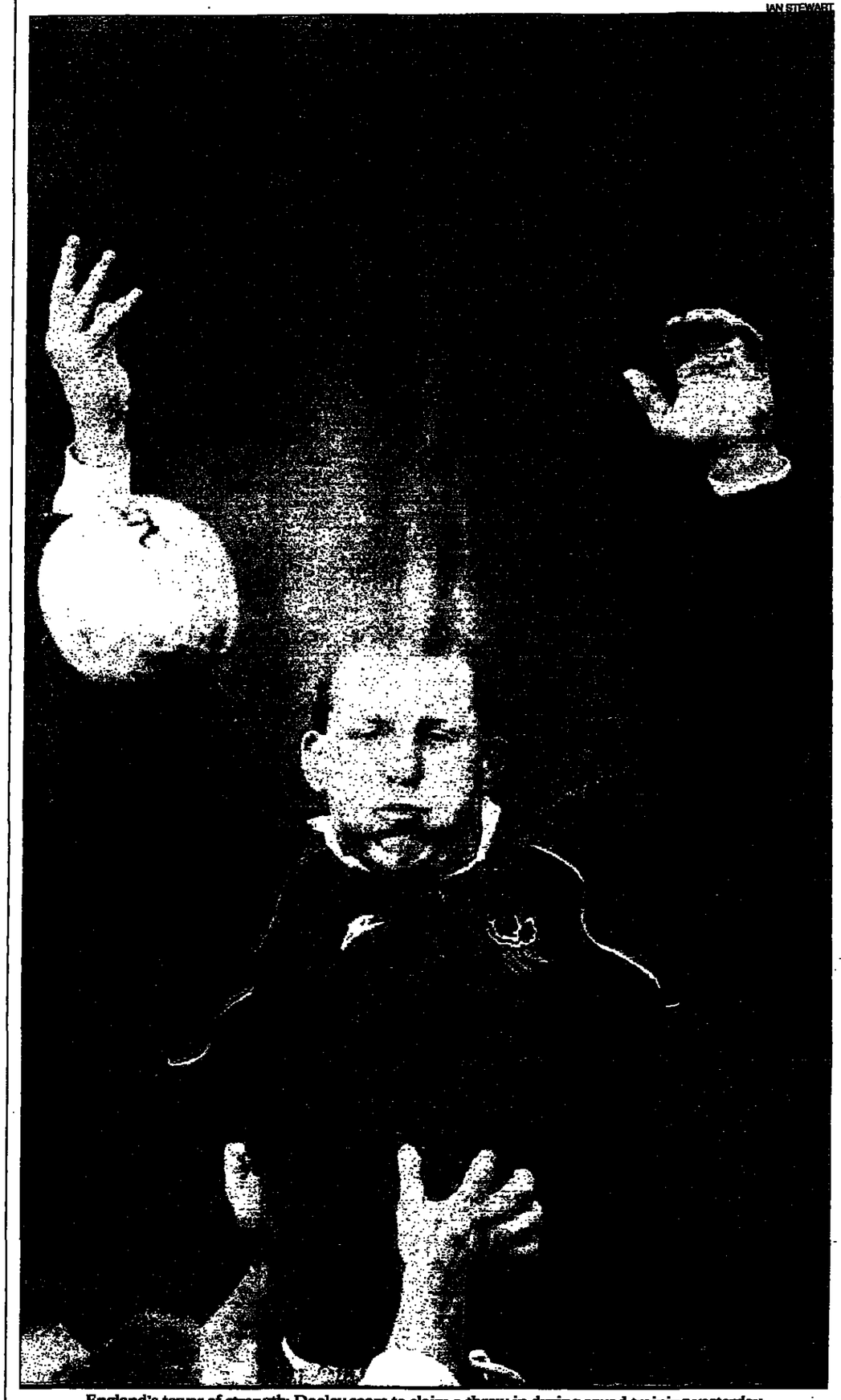
Referee: W D Bevan (Wales)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 S Ougier (Toulouse), 17 F Mesnel (Racing), 18 J Cazalbou (Toulouse), 19 E Melville (Toulon), 20 S Graou (Auch), 21 F Landreau (Grenoble)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 K M Logan (Stirling County), 17 G P J Townsend (Gala), 18 A D Nicol (Dundee HSFP), 19 C D Hogg (Melrose), 20 G Isaac (Gala), 21 I Corcoran (Gala).

PC Dooley: long arm of the lineout

IAN STEWART



England's tower of strength: Dooley soars to claim a throw-in during squad training yesterday



David Hands meets England's giant lock forward who has had mixed fortunes in Cardiff

Make the most of Wade Dooley, in Cardiff today and for the rest of this international season. We will not see his like again. Oh, there will be 6ft 8in (and more) lineout experts so long as rugby union retains the lineout but England's fourth division will not be throwing up international forwards in future.

Dooley is a throwback to the haphazard days of 1985 when the England selectors worked their way through over 50 players in one calendar year. At the same time he has adapted wonderfully well to modern requirements; his has always been a gaunt, somewhat angular figure, the very model of the work ethic that has kept him to the forefront of the world's lock forwards over the past four years.

From the time he strode onto the international stage against Romania in January 1985, a green-as-grass policeman from Preston Grasshoppers, his most admirable quality was the desire to learn. "I knew that, coming from junior rugby, I would have to be ten times fitter so I went away and worked out a routine that suited me," Dooley said. "I have stuck with it. I am a little bit staid in my lineout ways and when Paul Ackford came along, as a No. 4 jumper like me, I dug my heels in. He went to No. 2 and became the best at it in the world. But I like to think I'm flexible and I recognise the importance of support and helping the other jumpers."

Two years ago, Dooley thought that he was making his last visit to Cardiff. There is no attempt to conceal that the Arms Park is not his favourite ground: indeed, Cardiff, where England play Wales today, earns a chapter in his recent autobiography, *The Tower and the Glory*, partly because of the unhappy events of 1987 when four England players, Dooley among them, were suspended after the match.

Robert Norster, now Wales team manager, seemed to have the Indian sign over Dooley: "He was one of the best technical players I have met. By modern standards he was not a big man but his timing was impeccable and he ruled his support players with a rod of iron." How great the satisfaction, therefore, when Dooley replaced Norster in the British Isles team against Australia in 1989.

"Before 1991 Cardiff was just an unpleasant place to play in, everyone snarling at you, the obvious hostility," he said. "But the strange thing about that year was that when Paul and I walked in the city centre it was so quiet, there was no banter with the fans. It gave us an inkling that the writing was on the wall."

Thanks to Simon Hodgkinson's seven penalties England won in Cardiff for the first time since 1963. At Twickenham a year later Wales did not get a point on the board and Dooley highlighted his fiftieth England appearance with his third try. "It seemed like a good time to finish but the management had a quiet word with a number of us and encouraged us to stay a bit longer.

"I would like to be part of a third grand slam team — that would be special. I'm chewing over the Lions in New Zealand this summer but that depends on form. After that I'll reflect on whether to do a couple more seasons with the 'hoppers. But it will definitely be the end with England this season."

Dooley has always been his own man. He is generally recognised as a slow starter to the international season and his start this season has been slower than usual, partly because of the ragged first halves England played against Canada and South Africa, partly because he was a frustrated bystander against France last month.

"I appreciated the encouragement to stay from the rest of the team after I pulled out of that match, but you want to be out there. When I stop playing I won't take up coaching. It would do my head in, it really would."

For Dooley the confrontation is the nub of the game. If the lineout is a jungle, then that is warfare in which he revels, regardless of new laws intended to clean up that phase. The old dog — Dooley is 35 — has yet to perfect the trick of jumping with the inside arm after years of fending off all-comers: "I was pulled up in the club match last week but when it comes to Jerry Guscott calling from the centre that I'm doing it in training, things have come to a pretty pass. I'm working at it."

But not for much longer. Dooley's young family — Sophie, three, and Sara, ten months — requires time and though Sharon, his wife, "has given me the go ahead for the Lions", the Blackpool Tower is preparing to become just another, if not tourist attraction, at least a footnote in local lore.

England coach deplores new laws

BY PETER BILLS

THE restrictions imposed on attacking rugby by the new laws are destroying back play, Dick Best, the England coach, said yesterday. Best fears the changes, particularly the scrum-feed law, will again exert a damaging influence in the international at Cardiff today, just as they did when England played France three weeks ago.

He believes the new regulations make it almost impossible to put consistent pressure on opponents. "Perhaps the worst aspect of the law changes has been that backline play is being destroyed," Best said. "There was far too much kicking in the international with France. But in fairness to the players what else can they do when they are faced with half the opposition forwards standing off, even from third-phase ball?

"The game is being dominated by the forwards because of these law changes. And I expect it to be the same throughout this five nations' championship. England will get better but I don't think you will see any structure in any of the matches this season."

The new laws, he said, meant there was no longer any pattern to matches because some of the fundamental structures of rugby had been removed. Sides could no longer camp in their opponents' 22. Defenders simply cleared their lines through securing the put-in at the scrum. "As a result you see matches like that against France when the game just see-sawed from one side to the other.

"Neither side managed to exert sustained pressure. That has become impossible because if you continue going forward you end up losing the ball. And how can anyone seriously believe it is right, that even with third or fourth-phase loose possession, you cannot find the space to use your backs out wide."

It is rumoured that the committee which introduced the laws, originally on a trial for a year, is ready to make them permanent. Best believes that the players and coaches should be consulted.

"The trouble is the people on these committees just make the laws and say get on with it. But they should have the courtesy to ask those closely involved what they think. They are not sufficiently close to the game to understand the full implications of their actions.

"There was a lot of kicking against France but this is the way the game will go now. It is the changing of fundamental basics which so upsets me. For example, is it such a tragedy if people use their outside arm to secure lineout ball? If you administer the metre gap between the lineout men it should not matter. You just wonder what law changes will be brought in next.

"It makes me very angry that players who have been coached a certain way all their careers are suddenly being asked to change fundamentals overnight. You cannot do that."

WRU calls meeting over leaked report

THE Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) has been forced to organise a special general meeting after the storm caused by the leaking of the confidential report on players involved in the South African Rugby Board centenary tour in 1989 (David Hands writes).

The date of the meeting, later this month, has yet to be confirmed and yesterday, Denis Evans, the WRU secretary, said there was no evidence that any player had received the reported sum of £30,000 for his involvement in the tour.

"We looked at that part of it a long time ago and there is no definite proof," Evans said. Nevertheless, the districts, whose representatives make up the union, will demand their pound of flesh, not so much from players, who may or may not have received unauthorised sums, but from administrators who kept silent about the report.

At a time when the WRU has much to enthuse over — a revitalised team and a cash flow the envy of many — the last thing it wants is a spotlight cast on its internal politics.

Revenue from Wales' opening five nations' championship match with England today has now been confirmed at £1.92 million, with £550,000 from television rights and more than £600,000 from advertising and sponsorship.



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Striker's temperamental flaws likely to be overlooked for World Cup tie

Taylor primed to call on Wright's explosive talent



STUART JONES
Football Commentary

LAST month, Ian Wright, admonished and suspended by the Football Association, was regarded as a villain. Everything has since fallen so conveniently into place that, as long as his luck holds, he promises to score a hatful against San Marino at Wembley in ten days and be feted as a national hero.

If he achieves such status, albeit by piercing one of the weakest defences in the World Cup qualifying competition, his place in the England side, which was so recently supposed to be in danger, will be established in the minds of the public, if not in that of Graham Taylor.

Although Gary Lineker was a consistent choice before he retired, the England manager has otherwise conducted a widespread search for forwards. In his 27 internationals, ten others have been tried and only two — Alan Smith and Alan Shearer — have been retained for more than two successive games.

With Shearer unlikely to recover from a cartilage operation, even if he is nominally included in the squad to be announced on Monday, the list of strikers Taylor was being urged to consider grew longer by the minute. Deane, Ferdinand, Hateley, Quinn, Bull — even Collymore — had their backers. But then, on Wednesday, Wright emerged from exile with such devastating effect that, assuming he is available on Wednesday week, he will collect his third consecutive cap.

His selection, though, carries an inherent danger which could be exposed during the more taxing qualifying fixtures which lie ahead. His manager at Arsenal alluded to it during the club's celebrations at Elland Road last Wednesday.

"You have to accept him, warts and all," George Graham said, implying that the blemishes within the erratic and tempestuous 29-year-old Wright might be immovable.

The England team already features one unpredictable and fiery element in Paul Gascoigne. Since infamously wrecking his knee, though, Gascoigne has kept his regrettable buffoonery off the pitch. Wright, in reacting to the mildest provocation by aiming a punch at David Howells in the north London derby two months ago, graphically demonstrated that he remains potentially explosive on it. The flaw in temperament will doubtless be of no consequence against San Marino. The rugged Turks and especially the wily Dutch, who visit Wembley for one of the most crucial fixtures in group two on April 28, will be aware that they could benefit from lighting the short fuse on which Wright burns.

Given the choice, Taylor would probably have recalled the partnership he initially planned to develop when Lineker retired. Against France at Wembley a year ago, to the surprise of everyone and particularly the captain he dropped with scarcely a warning, he allied Shearer with David Hirst.

They lasted until the interval when Lineker was brought on for Hirst, who has since been so frequently afflicted by injury that the pair have never been reunited. Predictably, he has been ruled out yet again.

That was one of Wright's unforeseen slices of fortune. He will also benefit from his club's unexpected pile-up of fixtures. When his three-match suspension was imposed, it was originally thought that he would by now be so short of genuine practice that Taylor might be reluctant to pick him to start.

Wright was scheduled to come back for the first leg of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final against his old club, Crystal Palace, at Selhurst Park tomorrow. Instead, after Arsenal had improbably recovered from a two-goal deficit at home to Leeds, he was able to return four days earlier. By February 13, in three games' time, he should be in prime condition.

Fate has apparently set the ideal stage for the forward who, in spite of maintaining a rate of almost a goal in every other club game, has yet to score for his country. Once he breaks his duck, he could be highly productive.

Nevertheless, the length of his international career will be governed almost as much by his ability to channel his exuberance and aggression as his undoubted instinct for goal.

So far that has not been consistently evident. Unless he reforms, he will be no more than a shooting star.


Hirst: injured


Gascoigne: reformed

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The Wright stuff: Arsenal's match-winner is in line for Wembley call-up

IN BRIEF

Knowles declares resolve

Peter Knowles wants to win the BVC English national badminton championships at Norwich for his girlfriend, Caroline, who was killed in a road accident a fortnight ago.

The England international, who is the No. 3 seed, reached the quarter-finals yesterday by defeating Roger Mistri, of Nottingham, and Paul Edevane, of Hampshire.

Knowles, 23, has made it one of his aims this season to beat for the first time the leading English players, Darren Hall, the No. 1 seed, and Anders Nielsen, the champion, both of whom reached the second round. EL3

Baily given wild card

James Baily, the Australian Open boys' tennis champion, has been given a wild card for the LTA men's indoor satellite tournament at Eastbourne next week.

Wild cards have also gone to Miles McLagan and Ross Matheson, from Scotland, and Tim Henman, of Oxfordshire.

McKenzie ill

Boxing: Duke McKenzie has developed tonsilitis and his World Boxing Organisation super-bantamweight championship defence against the Puerto Rican, Daniel Jiminez, at Lewisham next Wednesday has been postponed.

☐ Carl Thompson, the British cruiserweight champion, will box the American, Arthur Weathers, for the World Boxing Council international title at York Hall, London, on February 17.

England draw

Basketball: England have been drawn with Ukraine, Slovakia and Bosnia-Herzegovina in group C of the qualifying tournament for the 1993 European championship, which will be played from May 30 to June 6 in Wroclaw, Poland.

RAF ahead

Skiing: Craig Bonnington, of the RAF, and Sacha Sveginzov, of the Army, finished second and third in the Smirnoff special slalom at the Portakabin British Services international championships at Altenmarkt, Austria.

Atkins out

Hockey: Knee injuries have forced the Great Britain defenders, Jill Atkins and Jo Toon, to withdraw from the England party for two matches against Ireland at Bisham Abbey this weekend.

Polian dismissed

American football: The Buffalo Bills have dismissed their general manager, Bill Polian, four days after the team was routed by the Dallas Cowboys in the Super Bowl.

Zanardi signs

Motor racing: Alessandro Zanardi, the Italian driver, has been signed by Lotus, the Formula One team, to partner Johnny Herbert.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Gresley offer stern FA Vase test

By Walter Gammie

WHEN Peacehaven and Telscombe, the Sussex County League champions, beat Sittingbourne United, the strongly-fancied Beazer Homes League side, by 4-1 in the fourth round of the FA Vase, they were entitled to expect a kinder fifth-round draw than the one which tomorrow sees them visiting Gresley Rovers, the beaten finalists in 1991.

"When we drew Sittingbourne, we were told they were the side with the best chance in the south," Alan Pook, the Peacehaven manager, said. "Now we've got to play the team who seem to be everybody's favourites up north.

"We will be going away to be positive — you've got to be when there is extra time in the first match. The team is experienced, the players enjoy playing with one another and have a real desire to win."

Gresley are expected to field six of the side that lost the final in a replay to Guiseley. Having spent £16,000 on their Moat ground to satisfy the Beazer Homes League — they were accepted into the midland division at the third attempt — Peter Hall, the chairman, says playing plans are running ahead of schedule.

"Before the season, I wanted us to finish in the top half of the table, Steve Dolby, our manager, wanted a top-six finish and here we are, top," he said. The recipe must be right because the crowds at Gresley have been larger than those of long-established rivals, Burton Albion, who are in the premier division. Burton were watched by 382 against Worcester on Monday, while 504 saw Greseley trounce Biwater 8-1 in a Derbyshire Senior Cup tie.

☐ The Football Association has granted Bashley a hearing next week to discuss their complaint that the referee refused to give them choice of ends for their FA Trophy second-round tie at Northallerton last Saturday. Bashley, who lost 1-0, hope to be given a replay.

GOLF

Montgomerie closes gap

From Mel Webb in Singapore

THE Johnnie Walker Classic turned into the heavyweight championship of Singapore yesterday as Nick Faldo and Colin Montgomerie finished the second day on 135, five under par, as joint leaders. Faldo (6ft 3in, 14st 10lb) and Montgomerie (6ft 1in, 15st going on 16) proved that feline grace was not a necessary credential for success in the steamy atmosphere at Singapore Island Country Club. On a day even hotter than the first, Faldo came in with a 68, Montgomerie a 67.

Montgomerie, whose round had only one blemish, a bogey on the 10th hole — his first — played what might prove to be the most significant shot of the tournament with the last stroke of his round.

He went through the back of the green on the 9th and found himself enmeshed in a heavy, clinging lie. He admitted later that he hit his 20-yard chip much too hard, and the ball was going probably 30 feet past when it hit the pin and dropped into the hole for his third birdie. Montgomerie gazed skywards and strolled off, striving for nonchalance but achieving little more than mild embarrassment.

There is a hole-in-one prize being offered here of the player's weight in Johnnie Walker for an ace at the 17th, and Montgomerie was a little shamefaced to admit that he would probably beat the maximum weight of 100kg. He is refusing to give his imprimatur to a low-fat diet he had been on since Christmas. "I've had no butter and no fried foods for a month, and I haven't lost an ounce."

Montgomerie, who although winning nearly £550,000 last season did not manage a victory, said he was adopting a new policy this year. "I've got to learn to dip for the line a bit earlier," he said. "I've been running 98 yards and stopping. If it's there this year, I'm going to go for it."

Faldo, who suffers from none of Montgomerie's problems — last season, it seemed, he had only to go near a golf course to pick up a trophy — set himself up for another with a round which was a masterly demonstration of his adhesive qualities, if not without fault. He had bogeys at both the 15th, where he was distracted when somebody banged a lavatory door, and the 16th. But he immediately got the shots back with birdies at the last two holes.

Sam Torrance had the best round of the day, a 64 that included five birdies and an eagle. Torrance, two strokes behind the leaders, hit a nine-iron to 12 inches on the 17th. Another foot and he would have won 13st 7lb of prime Scotch.

SECOND ROUND

GB and Ire unless stated
135: C Montgomerie, 68, 67; N Faldo, 67, 68. 136: E Els (SA), 71, 65; Choi Seng-Ho (Kor), 69, 67. 137: S Torrance, 73, 64. 138: F Couples (US), 73, 65; P Senior (Aus), 67, 71. 139: B Ruangkit (Thai), 67, 72; B Lane, 70, 69; R Davis (Aus), 70, 69; G Brand Jnr, 72, 67; G Norman (Aus), 71, 68; J Hawkes (SA), 68, 71; F Minoza (Philippines), 70, 69.
140: S Richardson, 70, 70; I Woosnam, 71, 69. 141: W Riley (Aus), 72, 69; T Hamilton (US), 69, 72; R Allenby (Aus), 71, 70; W Westner (SA), 71, 70; M A Jimenez (Sp), 69, 72; A Forsbrand (Swe), 71, 70; V Singh (Fiji), 72, 69. 142: D Cooper, 71, 71; R Mackenzie (Chile), 69, 73; Chen Chie-hsiang (Thailand), 74, 68; P O'Malley (Aus), 73, 69; T C Chen (Thailand), 68, 74.

SWIMMING

Britain caught in identity crisis

By Craig Lord

FITY English swimmers who are third fastest in Britain this season. Their fate is to stay at home while Scottish and Welsh counterparts further down the British ranking list compete for Britain on the World Cup circuit.

The anger caused by this anomaly is likely to end the practice of sending three home country association teams — England, Scotland and Wales — on the World Cup instead of a Great Britain federation team. The associations are not affiliated directly to Fina, the governing body.

A suggestion from Fina that Britain should compete as a federation provoked Paul Bush, director of swimming for England, to announce that British swimmers would, after all, do just that. The World Cup started with two rounds in China last month and ends in Milan in two weeks, after events in Paris, where British swimmers are still entered as three nations, Malmö, Gelsenkirchen and Sheffield, where they will compete as Britain. Why then had the media been given team lists for the three home countries?

"Each country is funding itself but we are pooling resources for travel and staff," Bush said. "That's helpful and it gives more swimmers experience at this level of competition." The leading two swimmers in England, as members of the national squad, are eligible for World Cup selection.

Bush's explanation caused anger in England while, in Scotland and Wales, some believe it will act as a disincentive to improve, given the greater ease with which swimmers can compete under a British banner. Fina, too, argues that such behaviour is not in the interests of promoting the World Cup as a shop window for the sport's elite during the winter season.

David Reeves, secretary of the federation, said: "From next year, we should select a proper GB team. If that's mostly English, the Scots and Welsh will have to get better."

MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE

Aston Villa v Ipswich

A match that might have a significant bearing on the destiny of the Premier League championship. Bosnich, who impressed at Wimbledon in midweek, could retain his place in the Villa goal at Spink's expense. Further upfield, Atkinson could be welcomed back into the Villa attack after injury. Wark, Whitton and Stockwell are all pressing for recalls to the Ipswich team.

Liverpool v Nott'm F

For the first time this season, Liverpool can select the same 11 for two weeks running, allowing Graeme Souness, the manager, to field the side that beat Arsenal last Sunday. Forest, without a win at Anfield for 24 years, are again without the injured Pearce, who seems certain to miss England's World Cup qualifier with San Marino at Wembley. They keep the team that beat Oldham last week.

Man Utd v Sheff Utd

A dress rehearsal for next Sunday's FA Cup fifth-round tie, but both sides will be most concerned about league points — Manchester to go towards that elusive League title and Sheffield to ensure staying up. Sheffield are struggling to repair injuries and Dave Bassett, the manager, has put his entire squad on stand-by. Deane will hope to impress in attack before Graham Taylor names his next England squad. Manchester, hande a rare defeat at Ipswich last week, w... be unchanged for the third game in succession.

M'brough v Coventry

Slaven has repaired his relationship with Lennie Lawrence, the Middlesbrough manager, and is restored to the attack for the first time in four months. Though popular at Ayresome Park, he needs to prove his goal-poaching instincts are undimmed if Middlesbrough are to avoid being sucked into the relegation whirlpool. Gittens and Hignett are also drafted into the side that lost 3-0 to Nottingham Forest in midweek. Coventry include Pearce, the central defender, who is reportedly interesting Everton.

Oldham v Chelsea

Oldham, the bottom club, must make do without Jobson, their outstanding defender, who is suspended. He is replaced by Redmond, and Henry returns to the midfield. If Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, could be forgiven for thinking he has done all he can at Boundary Park, Ian Porterfield, his Chlesea counterpart, knows his job security could depend on hitting a winning streak after Chelsea's recent wobbles. He is helped by the return of Lee to the centre of his defence and Hitchcock in goal.

QPR v Manchester City

Peter Reid, the City player-manager, joined the club on a free transfer from Rangers three years ago. Beaten only once in their past ten games, Reid's team, who won an FA Cup tie at Loftus Road two weeks ago, are unchanged. Ferdinand, the Rangers striker, can press his claims for inclusion in England's World Cup squad to face San Marino at Wembley later this month.

Sheff Wed v Everton

Wed... ...y are unbeaten in their ... ...mes but are again without Hirst and Bright, their principal forwards. In midfield, ...ms and Harkes need late fitness ...s. Sansom, signed on a free ... ...sfer from Coventry, makes his ... Everton, who sold Keown to Arsenal on Monday. Up front, they lack the injured Rideout.

Wimbledon v Leeds

After Wednesday's demoralising FA Cup replay defeat to Arsenal, Wimbledon is the last place Leeds would wish to visit. Jones, once of Leeds, will be disappointed to miss playing for Wimbledon through suspension — his place in the midfield goes to Sanchez. Leeds' casualty list leaves Chapman, Strachan, Fairclough and Wetherall all requiring late fitness tests.

Tomorrow

Tottenham v Soton

Tottenham will probably ignore the maxim about never changing a winning team — they triumphed at Crystal Palace last week — and include Barmby alongside Sheringham up front. Sheringham has scored four goals in Tottenham's past three games. Monkou is preferred to Moore at the heart of the Southampton defence, but, in midfield, Cockerill is struggling to overcome injury.

Coca-Cola Cup Semi-final first leg

C Palace v Arsenal

Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, must decide whether to deploy McGoldrick as a winger or a spare man in a Palace side without the cup-tied Armstrong. Ndah, 18, or Watts, 19, will deputise in attack. Thomas, however, has been passed fit. Arsenal include Wright, once Palace's favourite son, welcome Bould and Hillier back and have Jensen available. Limpar, though, is ruled out by injury and Parlour faces a late fitness test. Morrow and Selley, who impressed in the dramatic FA Cup victory at Leeds in midweek, are dropped.

☐ Compiled by Louise Taylor

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	10	80	good	patchy	sunny	4	29/1
(Very good snow on Pass Thurn; 62 out of 64 lifts open)							
Obergurgl	75	170	good	good	sunny	3	28/1
(Entire area open with great snow)							
Sölden	15	150	good	hard	sunny	4	29/1
(Most of area open)							
Schladming	60	120	good	slick	sunny	0	28/1
(Entire area open; best snow on upper runs)							
FRANCE							
Argentière	75	330	good	slick	sunny	5	27/1
(Best conditions on Grands Montets; eight lifts open)							
Courchevel	80	180	good	hard	sunny	12	28/1
(Good snow La Saulire; resort crowded)							
Flaine	15	230	good	slick	sunny	10	27/1
(Good snow cover at all levels; 80% of ski area open)							
Les Arcs	55	310	good	good	sunny	6	27/1
(Good snow throughout; Aiguille Rouge particularly good)							
Les deux Alpes	30	220	hardpacked	closed	sunny	5	27/1
(Best snow on glacier; runs hardpacked with icy patches)							
Tignes	125	360	good	good	sunny	0	27/1
(Excellent snow on La Grande Motte; resort crowded)							
ITALY							
Bormio	20	150	hard	patchy	sunny	5	27/1
(Good snow Cima Bianca; 11 lifts operating)							
Courmayeur	30	150	good	patchy	bright	1	27/1
(Des Eves and Des Luna closed; best snow on upper slopes)							
Madonna	50	120	hard	hard	sunny	3	27/1
(Best snow above 2,000m; 23 lifts operating)							
Sestriere	30	60	hard	slick	sunny	0	9/12
(Most of Milky Way links open; 50 out of 73 lifts operating)							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	40	180	good	spring	sunny	-2	28/1
(Best snow above mid-station; all lifts operating)							
Grindelwald	50	90	hard	some	sunny	3	29/1
(Best snow above mid-station; all lifts operating)							
Gstaad	20	50	good	skiable	sunny	0	28/1
(Best snow higher up; most lifts operating)							
Zermatt	60	170	good	good	sunny	0	28/1
(Good conditions at all levels; link with Italy open)							
UNITED STATES							
Jackson Hole	80	170	good	open	overcast	5	3/2
(Fresh snow on firm base; entire ski area open)							
Mammoth	240	460	good	open	cloudy	4	30/1
(Groomed; fresh snow at all levels)							

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NORWICH: Bulgarian Vintners English national championships: Men's singles: First round: S Butler (Warwicks) bt Kum Way Kok (Essex), 15-8, 15-12; P Smith (Surrey) bt C Sheppard (Herts), 15-4, 15-4; M Andrew (Cheshire) bt W Bhatti (Bucks), 14-17, 15-12, 15-9; P Hinder (Wilts) bt C Palmer (Essex), 8-15, rtd; S Pandya (Surrey) bt P Chambers (Essex), 10-15, 15-7, 15-8; A Bush (Wilts) bt M Constable (Warwicks), 15-4, 15-10; P Knowles (Kent) bt R Mistri (Notts), 15-0, 15-1; S Isaac (Sussex) bt C Fenton (Yorks), 15-9, 15-8; P Edevane (Hants) bt I Pearson (Essex), 15-10, 18-16; R Nock (Gloucs) bt E Plane (Nor), 15-3, 15-10; A Nielsen (Surrey) bt J Webb (Hants), 15-4, 15-5; C Hunt (Lancs) bt M Miller (Beds), 15-4, 18-17; R Harmsworth (Essex) bt C Haughton (Lancs), 9-15, 15-5, 15-9; D Hall (Essex) bt R Doling (Kent), 15-7, 15-8; P Bush (Wilts) bt T Dennis (Surrey), 15-8, 15-8; N Panesar (Yorks) bt S Bish (Essex), 15-4, 15-4.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Men: Semi-final series: Group A: Scavolini Pesaro (It) 74, Cibona Zagreb 68; PAOK Salonika (Gr) 78, Maccabi Tel Aviv 63; CSP Limoges 65, Joventut Badalona (Sp) 73. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Knicks 105, Golden State Warriors 101; New Jersey Nets 113, Seattle SuperSonics 103 (OT); San Antonio Spurs 133, Indiana Pacers 115; Chicago Bulls 107, Los Angeles Clippers 105 (OT); Los Angeles Lakers 114, Utah Jazz 110.

BOWLS

YETTON TROPHY: Fifth round: Darlington 70, York 72; Leicester 69, St Neots 52; Tilbury 76, Beccles 72; Pickett's Lock 78, Cherwell 89; Rugby Thornfield 82, Wey Valley 92, Croydon 66, Dartford Stone Lodge 83; Granions 60, Dolphin 103; British Cellophane 83, Plymouth Civil Service 68.

FOOTBALL

Late results on Thursday
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea 4, Luton 1; Queens Park Rangers 1, Bristol City 2.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Leeds 1, Sunderland 1; Newcastle 1, Sheffield Wednesday 2. Second division: Bradford City 2, Derby 3.
WILKINSON SWORD IRISH LEAGUE CUP: First round: Crusaders 2, RUC 3; Larne 2, Tobermore 0.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: City of London 3, KCS Wimbledon 4; KCS Wimbledon 0, Sevenoaks 1; Newlands Manor 2, KCS Wimbledon 4. Dismik Trophy: Boston Spa, West Yorkshire 0, Wolfreton, Hull 3. South-East Counties: Surrey 3, Sussex 2.
SPANISH CUP: Third round, first leg: Barcelona 5, Atlético Madrid 0.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Melbourne: Victoria 406-8 dec and 201-7 (M Elliott 66); South Australia 278-7 dec (J Siddons 100, T Nielsen 63 not out). Sydney: Western Australia 487 and 68-2; New South Wales 452 (M Slater 124, M Bevan 103; B Julian 4-132).

GOLF

PEBBLE BEACH, California: National pro-am: First round (US unless stated): 66: D Frost (SA), 67; M Brooks, 68; S Elkington (Aus), B Ogle (Aus), S Utley, D Love III, B Lohr, S Rendolph, 69; K Clearwater, R Friend, G Morgan, F Zoeller, J Sindelar, G Twiggs, F Funk, G Cesario.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SYDNEY: World sevens: Pool A: Canterbury 16, Brisbane 4. Pool B: Illawarra 18, South Sydney 14. Pool C: Manly 20, Balmain 14. Pool D: St George 24, Parramatta 14. Pool E: Easts 18, Cronulla 10. Pool F: Newcastle 18, Wests 10. Pool G: Penrith 14, Norths 10. Pool H: Canberra 36, Russia 0.
YOUNGERS ALLIANCE CUP: Second round replay: Wigan 32, Oldham 14.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: French Universities 52, Scottish Universities 6 (in La Voulte).

SKIING

MORIOKA, Japan: World championships: Women's combined: Overall: 1, M Vogt (Ger), 3.39pts (0.18 in slalom, 3.21 in downhill); 2, P Street (US), 32.15 (32.15, 0.00); 3, A Wachter (Austria), 33.52 (0.00, 33.52); 4, B Perez (It), 39.04 (16.58, 22.46); 5, E Hansson (Swe), 42.45 (15.50, 26.95); 6, S Schuster (Austria), 47.30 (26.21, 21.09). British placing: 14, C de Pourtales, 85.09 (18.33, 66.76). Downhill: 1, Street, 1.26.84; 2, Vogt, 1.26.87; 3, C Boumissen (Switz), 1.27.33; 4, R Cavagnoud (Fr), 1.27.65; 5, R Haeusl (Ger), 1.29.02; 6, S Schuster (Austria), 1.28.15. British placing: 27, De Pourtales, 1.31.42. Men's combined: Downhill: 1, L Alphand (Fr), 1min 32.19sec, 2, K Ghedina (It), 1.32.87, 3, A J Kitt (US), 1.33.50; 4, A Duvillard (Fr), 1.33.74, 5, B Kamen (Switz), 1.34.06; 6, G Mader (Austria), 1.34.29. British placings: 18, M Bell, 1.34.96; 26, G Bell, 1.36.02
ALTENMARKT ZAUCHENSEE, Austria: British services international championships: Special slalom: 1, M Romano (It), 1min 43.84sec; 2, C Bonnington (RAF), 1.46.52; 3, S Sveginzov (British Army), 1.48.88. Men's combined: 1, Sveginzov, 216.78; 2, G Bendoni (It), 226.84; 3, B Kurath (Switz), 229.80. Other British placings: 5, Bonnington, 291.17.

TENNIS

MARSEILLES: Men's tournament: Second round: A Boatsch (Fr) bt A Thorn (Ger), 7-6, 6-1; J Hasek (Switz) bt G Prpic (Cro), 5-6, 6-4, 6-1; R Gilbert (Fr) bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 6-3, 6-0. Quarter-finals: J Stenmrink (Hol) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-3, 6-3; H Holm (Swe) bt Boatsch, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0; M Rosset (Switz) bt Gilbert, 6-4, 6-4.
SAN FRANCISCO: Men's tournament: Second round (all US): J Connors bt B Shelton, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; B Gilbert bt D Rostagno, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; C Adams bt A O'Brien, 7-6, 6-2; R Reneberg bt D Randall, 6-7, 6-2 6-2.
AUCKLAND: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt C Wood (GB), 5-7, 7-5, 6-4; C Kuhlman (US) bt A Kerek (Ger), 6-4, 6-1, K Kschwendt (Ger) bt A Strnadova (Cz), 7-5, 6-4; E Reinach (SA) bt G Helgeson (US), 6-2, 6-4
YOKOHAMA, Japan: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: S Graf (Ger) bt Y Kamio (Japan), 6-1, 6-2; M Navratilova (US) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 6-1, 6-2; J Nowotna (Cz) bt P Shriver (US), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; L Savchenko-Neiland (Lat) bt R Hiraki (Japan), 6-2, 6-3.
DAVIS CUP: Asia/Oceania: Group one: Preliminary round: Philippines lead Taiwan, 2-0. Group two: Malaysia level with China, 1-1.
NEWCASTLE: LTA women's satellite tournament: Semi-finals: G Coorengel (Hol) bt S Pischke (Austria), 6-3, 6-4; L Jelfs (Oxford) bt L Ahl (Devon), 3-6, 6-1, 7-5.

YACHTING

VENDEE GLOBE SOLO ROUND-THE-WORLD CHALLENGE (with miles to finish): 1, A Gautier (Fr), Bagages Superior, 7,536; 2, P Poupon (Fr), Fleury-Michon, 7,994; 3, J-L van den Heede (Fr), Sofap-Helvim, 8,223; 4, N Fa (Hun), K and H Bank Matsav, 9,583; 5, Y Parlier (Fr), Cacolac d'Aquitaine, 6, J-L de Ugarte (Sp), Euskadi Europa 93, 9,736; 7, V Malingn (It), Everlast Neil Pryde, 10,288.

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Butcher chosen to match Keegan success

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

SUNDERLAND gambled yesterday by appointing Terry Butcher as player-manager. The former England captain, 34, had revived his playing career at Roker Park after being dismissed as manager by Coventry a year ago.

When Malcolm Crosby was sacked by Sunderland on Monday, Butcher was regarded as an outsider for the task of rivalling Kevin Keegan's success at nearby Newcastle United.

Butcher, who has a two-year contract, is Sunderland's fifth manager in the past ten years. He will be assisted by Bobby Ferguson, his former coach at Ipswich Town. Butcher's career seemed finished after knee injuries, but he confounded the doubters by establishing himself in Sunderland's defence. He built a rapport with the club's supporters so strong



Butcher: gamble

that his ritual of post-match cheerleading landed him in trouble with police after an FA Cup defeat at Sheffield Wednesday.

Such cultivation of the crowd possibly clinched his appointment. Butcher said: "I want to keep playing and would much rather be out on the pitch than in an office."

That was also the intention at Coventry but knee trouble restricted Butcher to seven appearances before his dismissal. Now he has a second managerial chance at Roker Park where his agenda includes determining the future of 17 players whose contracts expire this summer. That also gives him scope to restructure Sunderland.

By the time Sunderland move to their new ground in 1995 they hope to be reaping Premier League rewards. These will probably yield Manchester United and Aston Villa up to £2.3 million each in revenue this season from the Premier League's £37.5 contract with BSkyB and the BBC.

Steve Agnew, who failed to make an impact on football's elite, yesterday exchanged Blackburn Rovers for Leicester City in a £250,000 transfer. Justin Fashanu, 32, joined Airdrie — the struggling Scottish Premier League side, his thirteenth club.

March towards third successive grand slam faces revitalised opposition at Cardiff stronghold

English challenge Welsh faith

IAN STEWART



BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FOR the first time in a generation England will take the field against Wales at Cardiff Arms Park today without "the monkey on their backs". The monkey in question was their inability to win in Cardiff, which lasted from 1963 to 1991. It is a beast the Scots know well since they have been unable to win in Paris since 1969.

Instead the second round of rugby union's five nations' championship examines revivalism, specifically that of Wales and France. Welsh optimism, ground down for so long during the 1980s, was lifted by two championship victories last season and a resurgence of self-belief; the French believe, that in defeat against England, they found a team and that belief will be tested at the Parc des Princes by Scotland.

We should, I suppose, be grateful for today's match, in Cardiff, sponsored by British Gas. When the Welsh discovered last month that England's players had not signed a participation agreement drawn up by the four home unions, they tut-tutted strenuously. "It's something of a disappointment England didn't sign," Denis Evans, the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) secretary said yesterday, "and the subject will probably be raised at the next home unions' meeting — though not by us."

Since the Princess of Wales, Jason Howard, the opera singer, the London Welsh Male Voice Choir — not to mention 570 guests paying £385 each for corporate hospitality in Cardiff Castle — are due to appear today, cancellation of the fixture was probably not on the WRU agenda.

More to the point is Wales preparedness for their encounter with the grand slam holders. The physical work was completed yesterday in mild sunshine with no alarms from either camp. But it may be regarded as a chink in Welsh armour that Alan Davies, their coach, was asking his players to look at their opposite numbers as individuals and then decide for themselves whether 15 Englishmen were so much better than 15 Welshmen.

The point about this England side is their collective identity. It was that which sustained them in adversity against France and, though it does not always make for entertaining rugby, their inherent composure will be a great blessing amid a 51,000 crowd, most of them seeking a new dawn.

Lacking that solid — some might say over solid — foundation, it is hard to see how Wales can fashion a win without the sort of assistance (windblown conditions and spilled catches) that England gave France. They must try to create a fluid game — which would appeal to Joel Dume, the Frenchman refereeing his first international — in which they can use the attacking skills of Mike Rayer from full back.

Wales are fortunate to have Rayer and Anthony Clement contending for one position: both are players who can destroy opponents in broken-field play, but that will depend on possession. In that respect England should be dominant: their scrum will be more comfortable than against France with the return of Wade Dooley, though the lock will have to curb his tendency to concede penalties at the lineout by breaking the new outside-arm law.

But what England find so hard to do is break the shell of the innate caution with which they approach games. Contrary to popular belief north of the border, they have seldom swaggered into international matches but the 1990 Murrayfield experience enduced a wariness which lingers on.

They have the players for a wide game, they have a mobile No. 8 and two of the most knowledgeable flankers in the world. Wales, not short of attacking skills, lack balance in the back row where they duplicate rather than complement each other. Richard Webster has many virtues but blistering pace around the field is not one of them.

Geoff Cooke, England's manager, has acknowledged an element of failure in creating chances. "Simply getting to the other end of the field doesn't necessarily bring you points," he said. The discipline involved in so doing, however, does decrease opposition opportunities. With one point the difference between them, England denied France any penalty kicks at goal in the final quarter at Twickenham. "During the World Cup we averaged eight penalties a match," Cooke said. "It crept up after that but against France it was seven. I would like to get it down to five."

So Wales cannot rely on Neil Jenkins to kick goals if he is denied the opportunity. They have to go for broke and will rely on adapting better to this season's laws and the referee than England. Oddly, England have never won successive matches at Cardiff: the last time they enjoyed consecutive victories in Wales was at Swansea and Cardiff in 1928 and 1930. Maybe that monkey can be removed too.

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Study in concentration: The longevity of English hookers is near legendary, as a series of frustrated replacements will testify (David Hands writes). Today, Brian Moore, gap-teeth, furious snarl and all, becomes the most capped of them on his 43rd appearance for his country.

Over the past 25 years, three men have dominated the No. 2 shirt: John Pullin, the Bristol farmer from Aust, who won 42 caps between 1966 and 1976; Peter Wheeler, the Leicester insurance broker, who won 41 caps between 1975 and 1984, and, like Pullin, captained England; and now Moore, the Yorkshire-born Harlequin whose international career began in 1987.

"If you were in the trenches, it would be Brian you would want alongside you more than anyone else," Dick Best, the England coach, said of his pack leader. Moore, 31 last month, has become a dominant figure on England's rugby landscape, both for his formidable, demanding presence on the field, and his role as spokesman on the team's commercial aspirations off the field, not inappropriate for a civil litigation solicitor.

He compensates for his comparative absence of physique — he is 5ft 9in and 14st 3lb — with a fiery competitiveness. Defeat is anathema. He threatens to sustain his form through to the 1995 World Cup and beyond. Don't bet against it.

TODAY'S TEAMS IN CARDIFF

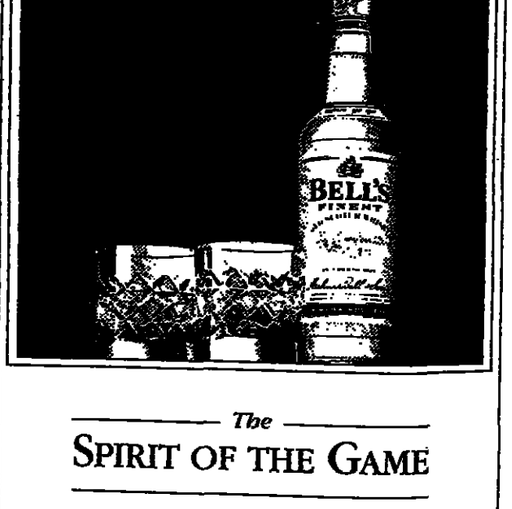
Wales			England	
M A Rayer (Cardiff)	15	Full back	J M Webb (Bath)	15
I C Evans* (Llanelli)	14	Right wing	I Hunter (Northampton)	14
M R Hall (Cardiff)	13	Right centre	W D C Carling* (Harlequins)	13
I S Gibbs (Swansea)	12	Left centre	J C Guscott (Bath)	12
W T Proctor (Llanelli)	11	Left wing	R Underwood (Leicester/RAF)	11
N R Jenkins (Pontypridd)	10	Stand-off	C R Andrew (Wasps)	10
R N Jones (Swansea)	9	Scrum half	C D Morris (Orrell)	9
R L Evans (Llanelli)	1	Prop	J Leonard (Harlequins)	1
N Meek (Pontypool)	2	Hooker	B C Moore (Harlequins)	2
H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police)	3	Prop	J A Probyn (Wasps)	3
E W Lewis (Llanelli)	6	Flanker	M C Teague (Moseley)	6
G O Llewellyn (Neath)	4	Lock	M C Bayfield (Northampton)	4
A H Copsey (Llanelli)	5	Lock	W A Dooley (Preston G'hoppers)	5
R E Webster (Swansea)	7	Flanker	P J Winterbottom (Harlequins)	7
S Davies (Swansea)	8	No. 8	B B Clarke (Bath)	8
*Captain			*Captain	

Referee: J Dumé (France)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 R H St J B Moon (Llanelli), 17 A Clement (Swansea), 18 A Lamerton (Llanelli), 19 J D Davies (Neath), 20 A D Reynolds (Swansea), 21 P A Kawulok (Cardiff).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 P R de Glanville (Bath), 17 S Barnes (Bath), 18 S M Bates (Wasps), 19 V E Ubogu (Bath), 20 C J Oliver (Northampton), 21 D Richards (Leicester).

SMOOTHER THAN DES LYNAM.



The SPIRIT OF THE GAME

The lady speaks her mind

New York

Yes, it's only-in-America time again. Marge Schott, a 64-year-old lady, fond of a drink and a nice big doggie called Scottzie, is the owner of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team. But she has been suspended from all day-to-day involvement with her team and fined $25,000 for using "racial slurs" in private conversation. She has referred to her top black players as "million dollar niggers", spoken of "money-grubbing Jews" and is alleged to have expressed, when discussing front-office staff, a preference for "a trained monkey" over any black person.

All very unpleasant, certainly, but only in America would this prompt not only a national outcry but official action. "She's very depressed and very upset; she feels she has been singled out," a spokesman said. "She has apologised. On occasions, many others in baseball — A to Z — have made similar comments."

What? People in American sport making racist remarks? Perish *la pensée*. Baseball's acting commissioner, Bud Selig, said: "I have been in baseball for 24 years and never heard anybody else use that kind of language." One columnist in New York — not a place that goes in for fairy stories — said that Marge "just had the biggest mouth. She wasn't any good at being one of the boys".

If this set a precedent for English sport, how many owners and chairmen would remain in charge?

Jackson heights

Well, no prizes for guessing the name of the Super Bowl's Most Valuable Player: step forward, Michael Jackson. His performance in the half-time show meant that, despite the blow-out of a game, there was no nationwide reaching for the remote control. In fact, this last Super Bowl drew the biggest American television audience ever.

Of the all-time top ten shows, nine have been Super Bowls. The only programme to disrupt this sequence is the final edition of M*A*S*H*. But really, the only question remaining is: how can you follow that next year? The consensus is that there are only two stars that might possibly be big enough: Madonna and Elvis.





SIMON BARNES

Sporting Diary

☐ *Andre Agassi, the Immanuel Kant of tennis, has been philosophising on the decision not to replace Tom Gorman as captain of the United States Davis Cup team. Agassi preferred John McEnroe. "To fear John losing his temper as a reason for him not being Davis Cup captain is ridiculous. It shows a lack of respect for what he's offered the game ... John being captain would bring a lot of spotlight to Davis Cup." No arguments there.*

Bowl advertisers count the cost

It pays to advertise, I think. Back to the Super Bowl television audience and, this time, its response to the several million commercials with which it was bombarded. Twelve per cent could not name the product in the ad they liked best.

When asked which ad made them most likely to buy the product, 34 per cent said none and 58 per cent said either "don't know" or "none".

Missed the cut

Easily the best sporting news of the year so far is the announcement from the Atlanta Olympic organisers that they are dropping their attempt to make golf an Olympic sport. They had wanted to play an Olympic tournament at Augusta but a dismissive remark from Juan Antonio Samaranch, the head of the Olympic movement, was enough to make them give up the idea.

Now, I could offer a very sound, intelligent, thoughtful and well-reasoned argument as to why golf should never be an Olympic sport — but, on thinking things through, I prefer to make my case on the grounds of pure prejudice.

Boxing clever

These sportswear companies can fix anything. Fila, the Italian company, is getting divine help for Riddick Bowe, one of the many world heavyweight champions knocking about the place. They have arranged for him to meet Pope John Paul II. "He's gonna bless me," Bowe said.

His manager, Rock — is that really his baptismal name? — Newman, added, in a cunningly veiled reference to Lennox Lewis, another heavyweight world champion and the one who is sort of British (in a slightly Canadian kind of way): "Since we're going to see the Pope, we might as well meet with the dope." My dear, boxing — just like the Cafe Royale with Oscar in full flow, isn't it?



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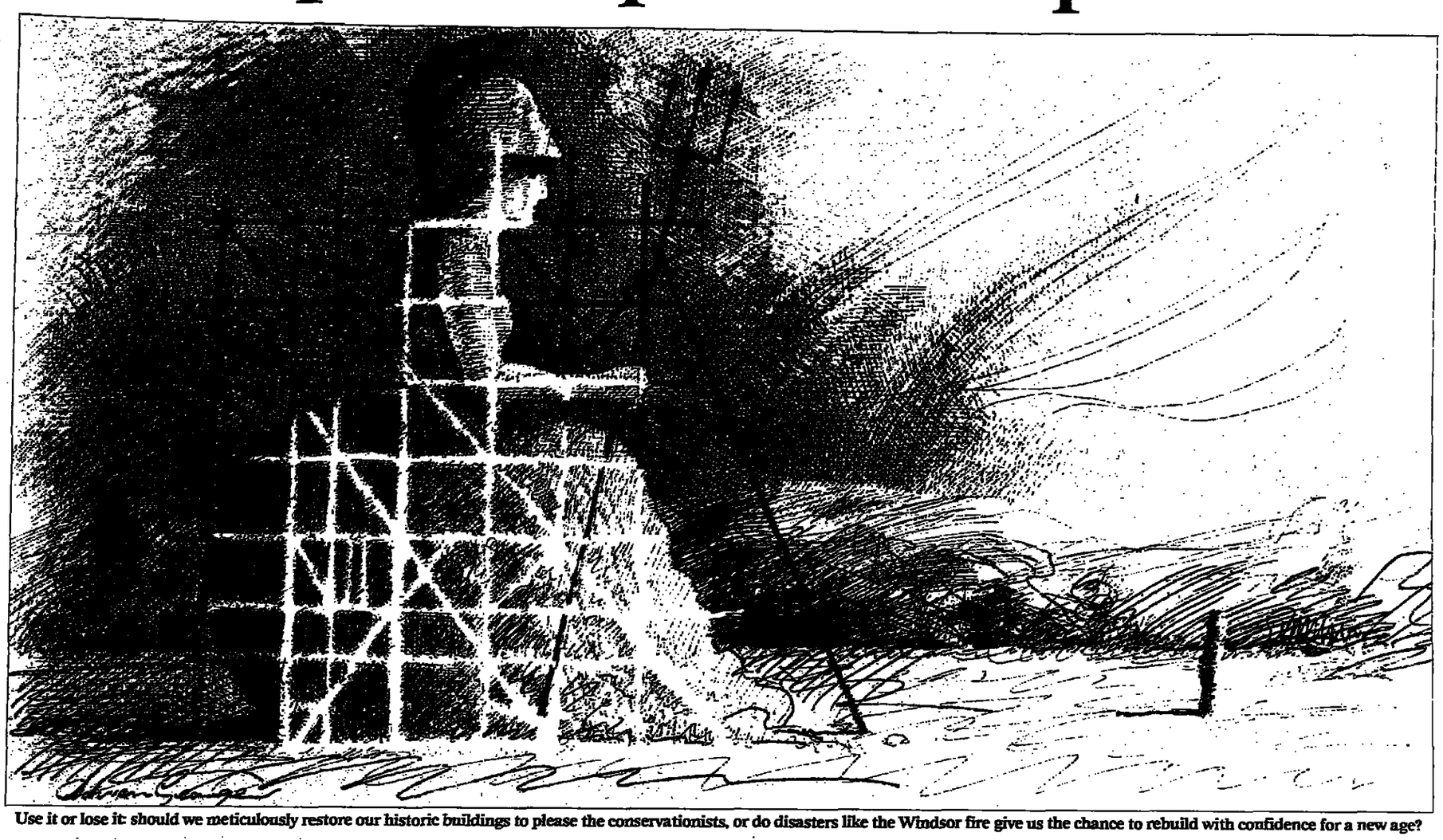
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Time to put the past in its place

Clive Aslet, newly appointed editor of *Country Life*, discusses the nation's preservation pickle



Use it or lose it: should we meticulously restore our historic buildings to please the conservationists, or do disasters like the Windsor fire give us the chance to rebuild with confidence for a new age?

Smoke's got in our eyes. Debate flames hotly. I dare say one might spot a phoenix or two sinking back into the ashes. But enough of metaphors: none is adequate to convey the degree of muddle over the Windsor Castle fire. This confusion is extraordinary, since one of the few areas where Britain can still claim to be top is, for better or worse, conservation.

We have older buildings than the United States has; they are more durable than the wooden temples of Japan; they have not been knocked about by war as much as those elsewhere in Europe. Some writers even claim that the British are so-locked into a conservationist mind-set that we neglect that priority of modern life: the creation of wealth. We are accused of preferring a dream of the past to the rigours of the industrial present. Yet, for all this, we rarely agree on what should be done or get it right.

A storm rages over Eros, the scantily draped sculpture that — until being taken away for restoration last year — had perched above Piccadilly Circus for a century. What will happen to him? Surely, once rejuvenated, he will hop back on to his pedestal. Really? That hardly seems fair on the old bird, what with acid rain, car exhaust fumes and the mêlée of exuberant students who sometimes swing on his limbs. After all, he is a work of art. All right. Replace him with a replica.

Fortunately, one can be created. The original plasters for the moulds used in the casting still exist in the Victoria & Albert Museum. A new Eros would be identical to the old, but internally strengthened. The cast that the sculptor Alfred Gilbert personally supervised could go into a museum. But don't kid yourself; we won't be able to concur on anything as straightforward as that. To certain members of Westminster City Council and English Heritage, Eros is Eros; anything else would be a fake.

To most of the public, this controversy will seem, at best, academic. Few people would be able to tell the difference between the true Eros and the clone. But the passion generated by the debate illustrates the reverence both sides attach to the fabric of the past. It is as though we were dealing with a holy image, not a piece of sculpture conceived as a decorative incident in a busy metropolis. Does it matter?

The answer can only be yes. Every society needs symbols of a shared past. But we have to be clear about what we save and why. This is not easy to decide. An anthropologist, journeying to the strange island of Conservation, would identify two different tribes, each competing for the same territory, each harbouring a streak of hostility towards the other.

One tribe claims descent from a squat, irascible demi-god in pebble-sized spectacles: William Morris. To Morris, haunted by a Utopian vision of medieval society, a building's appearance mattered less than the record it bore of the creatively fulfilled masons who fashioned it. These craftsmen, living in that prelapsarian age before Britain was corrupted by the Industrial Revolution, had the opportunity for self-expression, or so it was thought; their mistakes enhanced a building because they introduced a degree of variety not possible when using machines. Consequently, Morris believed that ancient stones should not be replaced unless they had reached the end of their life. He also held to the principle that repairs should always differ from the original.

In a recent speech to the Royal Fine Art Commission, Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for National Heritage, paid tribute to this principle, admiring old buildings extended in styles "which truly represent the age in which we live".

The problem for the Morris men is that, these days, there is no one style of our day and age. Our era could as well be typified by the bawdy post-Modernism of Terry Farrell as the futurism of Sir Richard Rogers or the suavity of Sir Norman Foster. You take your pick.

The great idol of the other tribe is History. To them, the most important thing about an old building is what it shows about the past. They are prepared to reform inconvenient old buildings that are not all of a piece by removing "out of period" excrescences. Perhaps they descend from Morris's contemporary, Sir Gilbert Scott, the notorious restorer of churches. It was as a result of Scott's plans for a root-and-branch restoration of Tewkesbury Abbey that the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) was founded.

Devotion to history may seem unexceptionable, until the principle is put into practice. Because, alas, we can never know what the past was really like. Often too little evidence exists; guesses may seem right, but we feel they look wrong. The historical school of thought chalked up a spectacular black mark at the Queen's House, Greenwich, restored in 1990. Whatever it looked like in the 17th century, it wasn't that. The memory of this disaster has been partially effaced by triumphs such as Hampton Court, where the newly restored rooms look better than they did before the 1986 fire.

Open warfare broke out between the tribes over Uppark, in Sussex, gutted by fire in 1989. When the National Trust began its painstaking restoration, the SPAB argued that the staircase, rather than being restored as the Georgian original, should differ from its surroundings, and so declare itself a 20th-century insertion. Rather pointless, given that Uppark is not a living building, but a museum. On the other hand, what is the purpose of the trust spending about £20 million to restore it to its exact condition before the disaster? Its value as a piece of history has already been compromised by the destruction. One cannot help suggesting that the insurance company might have done better to donate the vast sums required for Uppark's replacement towards the purchase of another, intact, building. Then the ruin of Uppark might have been sold as a shell, to be rebuilt by private owners. Its use as a late 20th-century dwelling, constructed within an older shell, would surely have increased its interest to future historians.

The best use of a country house is for someone to live in it. The owner may not be able to care for it as well as the National Trust or English Heritage, but at least the house will continue to reflect the taste of an individual. This may not represent everyone's idea of good taste, but it is, so to speak, real taste — not some historians' false ideal.

Of course, some buildings do cease to fulfil their original function, and any other use would change them beyond recognition. Britain is the only country in the world to possess a body created specifically to look after churches no longer needed for worship. The Redundant Churches Fund is one of the most remarkable repositories of history and culture in Britain.

Even so, far better that churches stay in use. But what hard choices *that* presents! When an IRA bomb blew out the Victorian stained-glass windows of St Helen's, Bishopsgate, the evangelical vicar, the Rev Dick Lucas, decided that it was time to reorder the building.

In the last century, the Gothic Revival architect J.L. Pearson had excavated the floor of the church (steps going down by the door allowed him to have steps rising up to the altar); he also inserted screens that hide the pulpit from parts of the church. Despite its City location, St Helen's attracts very large congregations.

Mr Lucas needs more room. He wants to shift the screens, add a gallery and, perhaps more controversially, insert a sunken font in the floor for baptisms of total immersion. The architect Quinlan Terry, himself a supporter of the low church, has been employed. Despite the fact that little Victorian work is being destroyed, only moved, both the Victorian Society and the London division of English Heritage are against it. Surely this is taking conservation too far.

Continuing use is the key to the debate over Windsor Castle. Unlike Hampton Court, it is still a working palace. Sir Jeffry Wyatville, Georgian architect of the fire-damaged rooms, would have understood this. He created an impressive Tudor-style décor for a hall conceived principally as a setting for the resplendent ceremonies of the Order of the Garter and the dazzling annual Waterloo dinner. Elsewhere, in other work, he was far from committed to Gothic. His view would almost certainly have echoed that of his contemporary, Thomas Hopper: "It is an architect's business to understand all styles, and to be prejudiced in favour of none." The criterion that ruled his choice was appropriateness.

What has to be decided first is not the style of the replacement work, but the use to which the restored St George's Hall and other rooms will be put. Does the Queen really need another chapel? If not, don't rebuild it as one. Will St George's Hall become principally a tourist attraction? If so, it should be restored to what it was before. If its main function is to serve as a setting for ceremonial, a new architectural framework would be not only logical but essential. For this must be the moment to revise the ceremonial along with the architecture. In this above all else, the requirements of a late 20th-century monarch will contrast strongly with those of the dizzy, spendthrift George IV.

Unfortunately, today's architects are not practised in producing settings of the sumptuousness and splendour proper to even a modified, toned-down kind of ceremony. The country will have to look long and hard if it is to avoid a design that is either chilly or banal. For the Queen, however, there could be no better way to express her family's new sense of purpose — to show that the monarchy can update itself to meet the challenges of the age — than a confident rebuilding that is not hidebound by precedent.

In search of things lost but not forgotten



WEEKEND *voice*

MARY KILLEN

For years expensive beds have been advertised on the premise that, since we spend one third of our lives in bed, we might as well be in a comfortable one. How true — and how annoying that a high-quality mattress alone seems to start at £1,700 for a double. Then, about three years ago, an American sociologist looked further and researched the other time parcels of our day.

He concluded that typical Westerners spend something like 18 months of their lives in the bath, ten years eating, five years sitting in cars, seven watching television — that sort of thing. The only shocking statistic, to me, was the fact that an average person spends a full two years of his or her 75-year average lifespan looking for things.

This annoying figure struck home on Monday as I looked for a bottle of shampoo I had deliberately displayed on a prominent eye-catching surface the night before and which had now disappeared. I spent a full 30 minutes raging through the nine lavatory-sized rooms of my cottage looking for it before conceding defeat and going out to the chemist for another.

"I looked high and low," I complained to someone on the telephone later, already beginning to feel that there was some sort of conspiracy against me or that enemies bent on driving me mad had been into the cottage to conceal the shampoo. I even considered a poltergeist.

Unfortunately, I hadn't looked high because that's where the shampoo was eventually found. On top of the cupboard, where, it turned out, a weekend guest had put it after finding it on a table (along with a range of other chemist's products including pills) within the reach of his two year old.

"That'll teach you a lesson. Always look up!" said my husband in schoolteacher tones. The experience left me drained — and even left its mark on my face. Looking in the mirror, I saw that, like the portrait of Dorian Gray, I now looked more savage and unpleasant than before I lost the shampoo.

I often think that if I went to heaven, or had wishes which might be granted, I would ask to find out where various things were that had disappeared throughout my life. Looking at old photographs I constantly see myself wearing certain clothes that I haven't seen for years, and yet I have no recollection of having given them away. One does begin to feel that Borrower-style fingers have been at work.

When I was about 14, I used to borrow my older sister's best clothes without her permission. To a teenager, looking attractive seems more important than almost anything. My sister put a lock on her bedroom door so that I couldn't penetrate her wardrobe again, but one day she went almost bananas looking for a new miniskirt that she knew I coveted and which had disappeared from the locked room.

I blinked blandly and pretended to have no idea where it was. I had already returned it to her room by the same method I had used to extricate it. I risked my life climbing out of one bedroom window and tottering along a parapet before going in through her unlocked bedroom window.

Little did I know I was to be hoist by my own petard, or to suffer what I used to call "instant karma". In order to be like Sandie Shaw, a schoolfriend and I had walked along our local main street in bare feet wearing our miniskirts. Unbeknown to us we had been photographed by a reporter for the local paper, and the following week my crime was exposed. There I was in the miniskirt. The caption read: "Two young shoppers find a novel way of relieving their feet."

Sometimes I wonder whether things are not often wilfully lost, just as workaholics deliberately take on more and more work to put themselves under stress. Why do people go on *not* putting their keys just inside the door on a hook, when they know that failure to do so will result in their wasting hours of time per week ranting around looking for them each time they want to leave the house? Key location bleeping devices are widely available — you whistle and the key bleeps back. But owners of these gadgets just lose them as well.

I did solve one mystery about something that went missing. A golden bracelet, which I literally treasured, came with me to stay in a friend's cottage one weekend. So keen was I on the bracelet that, when we went out for a walk, I displayed it on a bare table just inside an open upstairs window.

I was heartbroken to find it gone when I got back. Nothing else had been stolen from the house and there were no "signs of entry". I began mentally to accuse my fellow guests. I searched high and low but never found it.

The explanation was Blytonesque. A year later, at the same cottage, the gardener of the house next door told me that a magpie's nest had come down in a tree. Inside were a range of glittering objects the bird had stolen to decorate her nest. Mine was one of them.

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FILM

BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA (18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Visually audacious, but cold to the touch. Francis Coppola directs. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CHAPLIN (12): A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr. but Richard Attenborough's britty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man. **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

DAMAGE (18): MP Jeremy Irons pursues a destructive affair with his own son's fiancée (Juliette Binoche). Riveting version of Josephine Hart's novel, coolly directed by Louis Malle. With Miranda Richardson. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).



Emotion: Irons comforts Richardson in Damage

THE END OF THE GOLDEN WEATHER (PG). Twelve-year-old befriends a simpleton during one halcyon New Zealand summer. Kiwi classic, unevenly filmed by Ian Mune **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148).

A FEW GOOD MEN (15): Cocky naval lawyer (Tom Cruise) defends marines accused of murder. Devilishly seductive courtroom drama; director, Rob Reiner. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

FOLKS! (PG): Family problems drive Tom Selleck almost as crazy as his senile father. Botched comedy, with Don Ameche Director, Ted Kotcheff **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683).

HONEY, I BLEW UP THE KID (U): Amiable, inoffensive sequel, with Rick Moranis as the accident-prone dad with a 100-feet-tall tot who heads for Las Vegas. Director, Randal Kleiser. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

L.627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine: stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material. Starring Didier Bezace, Nils Tavernier. **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

THE PUBLIC EYE (15). Life, times and longings of a tabloid photographer in the Forties (Joe Pesci). Annoyingly artificial. With Barbara Hershey; writer-director, Howard Franklin. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

RESERVOIR DOGS (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

SWEET EMMA, DEAR BOBE (18). István Szabo's piercing portrait of disordered life in post-communist Budapest: his best film in years, strong performance from Johanna Ter Steege. **Metro** (071-437 0757).

TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12). Wonderful, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (Gerard and Guillaume Depardieu). Also starring Anne Brochet; director, Alain Corneau. **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865).

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. Stars Charlotte Very. **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

THEATRE

LONDON

LE CIRQUE IMAGINAIRE: Victoria Chaplin (daughter of Charlie) and Jean Baptiste Thierrée return with their troupe of acrobats, clowns and other performers. **Riverside Studios**, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Preview Tues, 7.45pm; opens Wed, 7pm; then eves 7.45pm until Mar 6.

CYRANO DE BERGERAC: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

DEATH OF A FAUN: Trained dancer Nicholas Johnson plays Nijinsky, alone in his asylum on the day of Diaghilev's funeral, remembering his lover and destroyer. One-man play, with dance, by David Pownall. **Orange Tree**, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

THE DEEP BLUE SEA: Rattigan's play on infatuation gets into high gear. Strong performances by Penelope Wilton and Linus Roache; exemplary production by Karel Reisz. **Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

ENTERTAINING MR SLOANE: Orton's first success, mordantly witty and amoral, with Ben Daniels, Janet Dale, Ian Gelder. Jeremy Sams directs. **Greenwich Theatre**, Grooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Previews from Thurs, 7.45pm; opens Feb 15, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

THE GIFT OF THE GORGON: Peter Shaffer's latest: bloodthirsty revenge versus forgiveness on a modern Greek island. Deep issues, iffy treatment but Judi Dench is powerful. **The Pit**, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Fri, 7.15pm, next Sat, 2pm and 6.30pm.

GREASEPAINT: Though titled "Not the Japanese Season" this is the first of three modern Japanese plays, with Frances de la Tour as an actress beset with troubles. A tremendous hit in Tokyo. **Lyric**, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Previews today, 2.30pm and 7.45pm, Mon, 7.45pm; opens Tues, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

THE INVISIBLE MAN: Truly amazing magical tricks in this Stratford East transfer: the rather plodding plot said to have been revised. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Previews from today, 7.30pm; opens Feb 16, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in the hospital common room; matron outraged; doctors flummoxed. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs. **Playhouse**, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm.

KING LEAR: Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

LOST IN YONKERS: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt. **Strand**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

MR CINDERS: Samuel West and Sally Anne Triplett help spread more than a little happiness in the Vivian Ellis charmer reversing the Cinderella story. **King's Head**, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm.

NO MAN'S LAND: Acclaimed production from the Almeida with Harold Pinter and Paul Eddington, Douglas Hodge and Gawn Grainger. David Leveaux directs Pinter's play. **Comedy**, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Preview tonight, 8pm; opens Mon, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

RICHARD III: Ciaran Hinds takes over from an injured Simon Russell Beale in Sam Mendes's memorable RSC production. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm.

ROBIN — PRINCE OF SHERWOOD: New Bill Kenwright production, said to be a family rock' n 'roll musical. **Piccadilly**, Denham Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm.

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: William Gaunt, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS': The *Les Misérables* partnership of John Caird and John Napier renewed to stage Pinero's comedy. Second revival this season. With Robin Bailey, Helen McCrory, Michael Bryant. **National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Previews from Fri, 7.15pm; opens Feb 18, 7pm; then in rep with *An Inspector Calls*.



Thierrée and Chaplin star in Le Cirque Imaginaire

THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA: David Thacker's winning revival, Thirties style, both comic and romantic, delightfully acted — not least by a reproachful mutt. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Wed, Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Gillian Hanna plays the title role in *Big Maggie*, John B. Keane's marvellous creation of a rural Irish matriarch. **Repertory Theatre**, Centenary Square (021-236 4455). Preview today, 7.30pm; opens Mon, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs (Feb 18, 25), 2.30pm, Sat (Feb 20), 3pm.

EDINBURGH: Tom Courtenay plays the cultured drunk in Yerofeev's grimly funny *Moscow Stations*, adapted from his cult novel. **Traverse**, Cambridge Street (031-228 1404). Preview Fri, 8pm, opens Sat (Feb 13), 8pm; then Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 4pm.

MOLD: Janet Suzman directs Timothy West and Sheila Allen in Miller's humane and moving *Death of a Salesman*. **Theatr Clwyd**, Civic Centre (0352 755114). Previews from Fri, 7.30pm; opens Feb 16, 7.30pm; Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (Feb 24, Mar 3), 2.30pm, Sats, 3pm.

NOTTINGHAM: Kenneth Haigh as the tramp currying favour with Michael Praed and Jonathan Lermit in Pinter's fascinating play, *The Caretaker*. **Playhouse**, East Circus Street (0602 419419). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat (Feb 13), 2.30pm.

SHEFFIELD: Simon Williams, Nicky Henson and Alison Fiske head a strong cast in Michael Rudman's revival of *Donkeys' Years*, Michael Frayn's excellent comedy of an Oxbridge reunion. **Crucible**, Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Preview Thurs, 7.30pm; opens Fri, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: Spring season opens with *The Little Foxes*, Lillian Hellman's powerful drama of greed and deceit in a Southern family. **Nuffield**, University Road, (0703 671771). Previews tonight, 8pm, Mon, 7.30pm; opens Tues, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mat Sat (Feb 27), 2.30pm.

WYTHENSHAWE: Roger Haines returns to the Forum to direct the northern premiere of Sondheim's sharp, revisionist fairy-tale musical, *Into the Woods*. Its motto: "Be careful of what you wish for in case you get it." **Forum**, Civic Centre (061-236 7110). Preview today, 8pm; opens Tues, 7.30pm; then Tues-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (Feb 17) and Sat (Feb 27), 3pm.

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: The only newly-created work of the 1992-93 Covent Garden season is premiered this week. David Bintley's *Tombeaux*, an abstract work set to William Walton's *Variations on a Theme by Hindemith*, forms the centrepiece of a triple bill which also features the sensational Stravinsky-Fokine *Firebird* and William Forsythe's crashing and aggressive *In the middle, somewhat elevated*. **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066), Thurs, 7.30pm.

SPRING LOADED: The festival is well under way now with the Shobana Jeyasingh Dance Company giving another London airing to *Making of Maps*, Jeyasingh's most innovative work to date which sees her extending the parameters of South Asian dance. On Friday, Motionhouse presents its new production, *Arcadio*, a collaboration with the Spanish installation artist Rosa Sanchez which was inspired by *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. **The Place Theatre**, 17 Duke's Road, London, WC1 (071-387 0031). *Shobana Jeyasingh*: tonight, 8pm. *Motionhouse*, Fri, next Sat, 8pm.

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: The company showcases two of David Bintley's most popular full-length ballets this week: *Hobson's Choice*, the delightful tale of family life in 19th-century Lancashire based on the Harold Brighouse play; and *The Snow Queen*, inspired by the Hans Christian Anderson fable of the evil queen seeking an innocent child to warm her icy kingdom. **Sadler's Wells Theatre**, Rosebery Avenue, London, EC1 (071-278 8916). *Hobson's Choice*: today, 2.30pm, 7.30pm; *The Snow Queen*, Tues-next Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, next Sat, 2.30pm.

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

PHILHARMONIA: Pierre Boulez continues his welcome run of British concerts with an 85th anniversary tribute to Elliot Carter, America's greatest living composer, and to the late Olivier Messiaen. The Philharmonia is joined by the Ensemble InterContemporain and a fine team of soloists for a programme that includes Messiaen's *Un vitrail et des oiseaux* and *Poèmes pour mi* (with soprano Maria Ewing), Carter's *Three Occasions* and his 1988 Oboe Concerto (with Laszlo Hardy), and Boulez's own *Derive 2*. **Festival Hall**, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

VIENNA PHILHARMONIC: For the second of its three London concerts under different batons, the VPO is conducted by Sir Georg Solti in a programme of Mendelssohn's Fourth Symphony (Italian) and Shostakovich's Fifth. **Festival Hall** (as above), Mon, 7.30pm

NEW LONDON CONSORT: Philip Pickett and his always stimulating period ensemble continue their revelatory work on Monteverdi with performances of *Il Combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda*, *Il Ballo delle Ingrate* and *Tirsi e Clori*. Jane Gingell is the director/choreographer; Timedance provide the dancing, while the impressive vocal line-up includes Catherine Bott and John Mark Ainsley. **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Fri, 7.45pm.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC: With Klaus Tennstedt indisposed, the LPO's performance (in German) of Haydn's *The Creation* is now in the capable, but rather different, hands of Roger Norrington. Soloists are Felicity Lott, Anthony Rolfe Johnson and David Wilson-Johnson. **Festival Hall** (as before), Tues, 7.30pm.

OPERA

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE: Stephen Unwin's cheery production of Rossini's comic masterpiece is revived at the Royal Opera with Bruce Ford as Almaviva, Thomas Hampson, making his long-awaited Covent Garden debut as Figaro, Jennifer Larmore as Rosina, and Gabriel Bacquier, as Doctor Bartolo. **Royal Opera House**, London, WC2 (071-240 1066), Mon, 7.30pm.



Jennifer Larmore: starring in The Barber of Seville

ROCK

BOB DYLAN: With *Good As I Been To You*, his first acoustic album since 1965, offering raw arrangements of traditional American folk songs, Dylan is being appreciated anew for his fine guitar playing. **Hammersmith Apollo**, London, W6 (081-741 4868), tomorrow, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, next Sat, 6.45pm.

LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III: Gentle, thoughtful folk from the singer-songwriter. **London**, Festival Hall (071-928 8800), today, 7pm. **Nottingham**, Theatre Royal (0602 482525/482626), tomorrow, 6.30pm. **Oxford**, Playhouse (0865 798600), Tues, Wed, 7.45pm. **Coventry**, University of Warwick Arts Centre (0203 524524), Fri, 7.30pm.

SULTANS OF PING F.C.: This Irish band are poised to set the live circuit alight with their wickedly funny songs on the perils of discos ("Where's Me Jumper") and the joys of football ("Give Him A Ball & A Yard Of Grass"). **Exeter**, University (0392 263528), Tues, 7.30pm. **Brighton**, East Wing, Brighton Centre (0273 203131), Wed, 7.30pm. **Uxbridge**, Brunel University (0895 239125), Thurs, 8pm. **Cinderford**, Deans Centre (0594 823814), Fri, 8pm.

BELLY: Tanya Donelly and her haunting indie band are on something of a roll at the moment with their single "Feed the Tree" making the Top 40 and an impressive debut album, *Star*. **Manchester**, University (061-275 2930), Wed, 7.30pm. **Krazy House**, Liverpool (051-708 5016), Thurs, 8 30pm. **Leeds**, Irish Centre (0532 480887), Fri, 8pm.

OTIS GRAND AND THE BIG BLUES BAND: The award-winning singer and guitarist offers a lively evening of R & B **T&C 2**, London, N5 (071-700 5716), Thurs, 8 30pm

JAZZ

RANDY WESTON'S AFRICAN RHYTHMS: This Brooklyn-born pianist has had a long and fruitful interest in world music, explored from a jazz perspective. The results are often astonishing. He is joined here by traditional Gnaoua musicians from Morocco. **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Thurs, 7.15pm.

MICHEL PETRUCCIANI: The supremely lyrical French pianist returns for more live performances. **Queen's Hall**, Edinburgh (031-668 2019), Fri, 8.30pm.

STEPHANE GRAPPELLI: The master of jazz violin celebrates his 85th birthday today with the help of singer Marian Montgomery and the London Symphony Orchestra. He also plays with his trio on Monday. **Barbican Centre**, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), today and Mon, 7.30pm.

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

FORCES SWEETHEARTS: For anybody who was alive in the second world war, and many who were not, the term "forces sweetheart" conjures up at once the sound of Vera Lynn singing "We'll Meet Again" and the sight of Betty Grable looking over her right shoulder as she posed in high heels and a one-piece bathing suit. Of course there was more to it than that, as this exhibition carefully explains. But the images, from the first world war to the Gulf, remain infinitely suggestive. **Imperial War Museum**, Lambeth Road, SE1 (071-416 5000). Daily, 10am-6pm, from Fri to Oct 15.

TURNER: THE FINAL YEARS: The sixth and last of the shows in which the Tate has been examining, decade by decade, the working life of England's greatest painter. The late favourites like *Rain, Steam and Speed* are known to every school child. But this shows makes the point that, extraordinary though the late oils are, Turner was arguably even bolder and more innovative in his last watercolours. **Tate Gallery**, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, from Wed to May 17.

JEAN NOUVEL: Springing to fame in the early Eighties with the unveiling of his Institut du Monde Arabe in Paris, Nouvel has gone from strength to strength with such wildly eclectic buildings in progress as Lyon Opera House and Tours Conference Centre. This show has been designed by Nouvel himself. Final week **ICA**, The Mall, SW1 (071-930 3647), Mon-Sat, midday-10pm, Sun, midday-9pm, until next Sun.

BRIEF ENCOUNTERS — ROBERT CAMPIN: The idea of the National Gallery's series of exhibitions under the title "Brief Encounters" is that two related paintings should be juxtaposed with various background material to compare and contrast. This fourth show puts the gallery's own *Virgin and Child in Interior* by the early 15th-century Netherlandish master Robert Campin with the same painter's diptych *The Trinity* and *The Virgin and Child in Front of a Fire*, lent by the Hermitage, St Petersburg. **National Gallery**, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until Mar 28.

THE GREAT AGE OF BRITISH WATERCOLOUR: This important show reveals that between 1750 and 1880 much of the most innovatory work was done in watercolour. About 300 works by the most famous British watercolourists, including Turner and Blake, make the point irresistibly. **Royal Academy of Arts**, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until Apr 12.

BARCLAYS YOUNG ARTIST AWARD: In its ninth year the award shortlisted nine artists from post-graduate shows at four London art-schools, Chelsea, Goldsmiths, the Slade and the Royal College. Only one of the artists actually paints; most make installations and use photography, video, and found materials. The first prize (£10,000) goes to a two-person team, identical twins Jane and Louise Wilson. **Serpentine Gallery**, Kensington Gardens, W2 (071-402 6075). Daily, 10am-6pm, until Feb 28.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT GALLERY: The new permanent display at the Victoria and Albert consists of the only complete interior by the American Frank Lloyd Wright anywhere in Europe. Designed for a Pennsylvania department store magnate in 1936 it was dismantled in the Sixties and given to the V&A, where it first went on view in 1974. **Victoria & Albert Museum**, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 8441). Mon, midday-5.50pm, Tues-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2.30-5.50pm.

SICKERT: This large show (134 works) gives ample opportunity to see the artist's early Impressionist works and the once-despised work of his old age, frequently based on images from pop culture of the day. Final week. **Royal Academy of Arts**, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until next Sun.

REGIONAL

SOL LEWITT: DRAWINGS 1958-1992: Not only the most famous American Minimalist, but inventor of the term Conceptual Art, Lewitt seems to combine in himself most of the things traditionalists most distrust. However, his works on paper are very approachable. About 350 are shown here and reveal in general his exquisitely sensitive response to colour and texture in pencil, ink and gouache. **Museum of Modern Art**, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford (0865 722733). Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm (Thurs to 9pm), Sun, 2-6pm, until Mar 28.

DECLARATIONS OF WAR: Few people see the Imperial War Museum as a collector and patron of contemporary art. This touring show underlines that role in the museum's activities: everything in it has been not only collected but made since 1980. The artists, who include Gilbert and George, Michael Sandle, Peter Howson, Stephen McKenna and Jock McFadyen, are seen responding to emergencies in the Falklands, the Gulf and of course Ireland. Unexpectedly distinguished. **Kettle's Yard**, Castle Street, Cambridge (0223 352124). Tues-Sat, 12.30-5.30pm, Sun, 2-5.30pm, until Feb 28.

CIVIL WAR: The Royal Armouries, England's oldest museum, has mounted its first touring display. King Charles I's gilt armour forms the centrepiece of the show which includes more than 60 prize items and has been travelling to towns and cities which played an important part in the bloody events of 1642. Sponsored by *The Times*, the display is being complemented by the Cornium's own assemblage of local exhibits. **Cornium Museum**, Park Street, Cirencester (0285 655611). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until Mar 28.

BOUDIN AT TROUVILLE: As well as playing a vital role in encouraging the teenage Monet to forsake caricature for painting, Boudin was an important precursor of the Impressionists, and a distinguished figure in his own right. The first extensive showing in Britain for many years. **Burrell Collection**, Pollok Country Park, Glasgow (041-649 7151). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 11am-5pm, until Feb 28.

EXPRESSIONS OF BELIEF. This ambitious travelling exhibition originating in Rotterdam and receiving its only British showing in Liverpool, brings together ceremonial, ritual and personal objects from the various religious backgrounds of Africa, Oceania and Indonesia. The first requirement the show makes is aesthetic response, after which the visitor is invited to explore the whole cultural context. **Liverpool Museum**, William Brown Street (051-207 0001). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, midday-5pm, until Apr 18.

NEW VIDEOS

THE ARSENAL STADIUM MYSTERY (Connoisseur, PG): Deliciously breezy Thirties murder mystery, impishly directed by Thorold Dickinson. With Leslie Banks as the Inspector on the case, and members of the 1939 Arsenal football team.

PETE KELLY'S BLUES (Tartan Video, PG): Jazz, gangsters and molls in the Twenties plus two songs from Ella Fitzgerald and Peggy Lee. Despite all this, it's a sombre affair, coloured by Jack Webb's dour central performance. Shot in CinemaScope, letter-boxed for video. 1955.



Bud: Leigh McCormack in The Long Day Closes

THE LONG DAY CLOSES (Curzon Video, PG): Terence Davies's powerful evocation of childhood's lost paradise in Liverpool. With Leigh McCormack as Bud, Marjorie Yates, and a wonderful aural collage of Fifties memories. 1992.

A STRANGE PLACE TO MEET (Artificial Eye, 15): Catherine Deneuve and Gérard Depardieu as two strangers, desperate for love, who meet on a motorway lay-by. Claustrophobic first feature by François Dupeyron. 1988.

BOOKINGS

SCOTTISH OPERA: Bellini's *bel canto* masterpiece *Norma* receives a new production by Scottish Opera. The company's first staging of the work is directed by Ian Judge, with designs by John Gunter. Jane Eaglen tackles the leading part, considered to be one of the most challenging of soprano roles. John Mauceri conducts. **Theatre Royal**, Glasgow (041-332 9000), Apr 24, 27, May 1, 6

PLAYLAND: The latest play by South African writer Athol Fugard receives its British premiere at the Donmar Warehouse, featuring the original cast from the Market Theatre, Johannesburg. The meeting of a war veteran (Sean Taylor) and a nightwatchman (John Kani) unleashes feelings of remorse, hostility and recognition. **Donmar Warehouse**, London, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Opens Mar 2, previews from Feb 25.

VAN HALEN: With the imminent release of a new live album, *Right Here Right Now*, the American heavy metal giants return to these shores after an absence of nine years. These are the first dates with new vocalist Sammy Hagar. **Birmingham**, NEC (021-780 4133), Apr 25. **Sheffield**, Arena (0742 565500), Apr 27 **Wembley Arena**, Middlesex (081-900 1234), Apr 29.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC: The many-times-Brunnhilde singer Hildegard Behrens performs the closing scene from Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde* in a programme which contrasts it with the final and equally tragic scene of *Salome*. The evening begins with Schubert's song *Death and the Maiden*. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Mar 30.

SUZANNE VEGA: Following the success of her latest album *99.9F*, more up-tempo than her previous material, the vocalist announces an April tour. **Poole**, Arts Centre (0202 685222), 1. **Cambridge**, Corn Exchange (0223 357851), 2. **Sheffield**, City Hall (0742 722885), 4. **London**, Hammersmith Apollo (081-748 4081), 5. **Corby**, Festival Hall (0536 402233), 6. **Wolverhampton**, Civic Hall (0902 312030), 8. **Bradford**, St George's Hall (0274 752000), 9. **York**, Barbican (0904 656688), 11 **Newcastle-Upon-Tyne**, City Hall (091-261 2606), 13. **Edinburgh**, Usher Hall (031-228 8616), 14. **Manchester**, Apollo (061-273 3775), 15. **Cardiff**, St David's Hall (0222 371236), 16. **Cornwall**, Colseum, Par (0726 814004), 17. **Croydon**, Fairfield Hall (081-681 0821), 18.

EVENINGS OUT

PAUL THOMPSON
CURATORIAL DIRECTOR, DESIGN MUSEUM



First and foremost I want to catch the Jean Nouvel exhibition at the ICA (until next Sun). He designed one of my favourite buildings, the Institut du Monde Arabe in Paris, and I'd be fascinated to see the video of him talking about the relationship of art to cinema. I could happily spend any night of the week at the Electric Cinema on Portobello Road. I'll definitely be seeing the Pedro Almodóvar double-bill of *Labyrinth of Passion* and *What Have I Done To Deserve This?* (next Sun). I first saw his films when my wife was working in Barcelona in the early Eighties during our courtship — we get rather gooey-eyed over them now . . . I tend to go to opera rather than theatre these days, as the staging is more innovative. I like the imaginative programming at the ENO and I'm looking forward to the double-bill of *Bluebeard's Castle* by Bartók and *The Duel of Tancredi and Clorinda* by Monteverdi (from Mar 17). I'm not much of a foodie, and I really hate fashionable restaurants. I'd rather be taken for a meal at the Athenaeum or else at the Chelsea Arts Club.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

SYMONDITE
(a) A small warship designed by Sir William Symonds in his capacity as surveyor to the Royal Navy, an eponym of Rear-Admiral Sir William Symonds (1782-1856): "The Eurydice was what was known as a Symondite or Jackass frigate, i.e. something between a sloop and a frigate." "For rolling, pitching and lee-lurches the Symondites beat the lot."

PULLORUM
(b) The specific epithet of *Bacterium pullorum* (now *Salmonella gallinarum*), used attrib. in *pullorum disease* to designate an acute, infectious, often fatal disease of young chicks, which is also known as bacillary white diarrhoea, from the genitive plural of the Latin *pullus* a young chick: "Outbreaks of pullorum disease in turkeys are rare in this country."

DENN
(a) A woodland pasture, especially for swine, from the OE, possibly the same word as OE *denn* the habitation of a wild beast, a word revived by place-name scholars, which survives chiefly in place-names: "The upland settlements had rights of feeding swine in sections or denns of the great Wealden oak forests, hence such names as Tenterden and Biddenden."

LIATRIS
(b) A North American perennial herb of the genus so called, belonging to the family Compositae and bearing spikes or clusters of purple or white flowers, modern Latin by J. C. D. von Schreber in *Linnaeus's Genera Plantarum*, ed. 8, 1791, of unknown derivation: "Several varieties of liatris are largely used in Southern United States to flavour tobacco."

Film: Geoff Brown; **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston; **Classical Music and Opera:** Ian Brunskill; **Rock and Jazz:** Stephanie Osborne; **Dance:** Debra Craine; **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor; **New Videos:** Geoff Brown; **Bookings:** Kari Knight

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Prudence chews over a passport to greener pastures

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HENEY



This new cow of ours, currently called Prudence, may well have to change her name if she is to carry on like this. Prudence is a solid, sensible name. At the moment she is more of a Cleopatra. If I describe the morning scene in the cow-shed, you will understand why.

Despite all my efforts, I have so far failed to get this cow to eat mangelwurzels. I know that once she has tasted their sweetness and crunched the crisp flesh between her teeth, she will be hooked. Since last week, I have had many calls from owners of cows suggesting I sprinkle them with oats, slice them, even marinate them in treacle. This has now turned what is normally a fairly routine feeding exercise into haute cuisine, as I chop and dice the mangels before stirring them deep into the feed-bucket, vainly hoping the cow will not notice. But it is all a waste of time. She has a tongue as precise as a surgeon's scalpel and will lick every last oat from her manger, leaving the sad lumps of mangel untouched.

I thought at first that she might be objecting to eating greens on principle. She may have heard of the vegetarian movement, which shuns the eating of meat. Why, she might argue, should the meat not shun the eating of vegetables? But that theory was soon disproved when I offered her some stalks of leafy green kale, which she devoured in a frenzy. Of course, she can live a perfectly happy and healthy life without ever letting a mangel past her molars, but when I see the other cows getting such joy from grinding the succulent roots twice daily between their teeth, I feel sorry she is missing out.

So every morning I tie her to the hayrack and we go through a little routine. I ought to explain that although I bought her with two calves, it soon became clear that her massive udder was more than capable of feeding three, so last week I bought another calf for her to suckle. This, I admit, flies in the face of nature, and Prudence knows it. No sooner does the little stranger latch on to the rubbery teat than foster-mother's back leg gives it a quick cuff behind the ear which sends it flying across the shed. Bravely, it comes back for more, and I help it by distracting Prudence, who, if she has something else on her mind, will happily let any numbers of calves hang on her udder. And so I tickle her under the chin, and chat.



Then I had an idea. During one of these tactile gossiping sessions, I thought I might wait until she opened her jaws for a bite of hay, and quickly slip a slice of mangel into her mouth. I teased her with kale, which I knew she liked. Then I popped in the mangel. The jaws closed and crunched it. She gulped and it was gone. So every morning I stand there feeding her succulent morsels, like a slave feeding peeled grapes to Cleopatra, or, given the state of her udders, Mae West.

After two days I tried mixing the mangels with her oats, but within five minutes she had sorted out the manger, eaten the oats and left the mangels. I shall play the slave-boy for two more days and then she can lump it.

But I shall miss our morning chats. This morning, for example, I told her about a fascinating document I had been sent tantalisingly titled "CAP Reform in the Beef Sector". It requires that each beef animal should have a personal passport. It is issued by the government, must travel with the animal and be produced on demand. I told her I thought it remarkable that, just as Europe is managing, by and large, to dispense with human beings having to show passports at frontiers, the Ministry of Agriculture had managed to invent a scheme which requires cows to show theirs if they set as much as one hoof off the farm. But Prudence heard none of this. She had a faraway look in her eye and, with the new-found freedom her passport would give her, she seemed to dream of balmy days on sun-drenched golden sands with tanned beach-bullocks tempting her with Martini cocktails, and not damned mangelwurzels.

But her mood changed. A worried look came into her eye. "Hey," she thought, "I am no *beef* animal. I am not merely mobile steak on four legs. If the price of getting my passport is the certainty of the butcher's hook, I will have none of it." I calmed her down, and told her she had many calf-rearing years ahead of her. Sensing her vulnerability, I slid a chunk of mangel into her mouth. She spat it out viciously. This girl has spirit.



ROBIN MAYES

Taking the reins: Anne McCaig and her co-driver Reg Lovell set off in the cart behind Bonnie and Clyde. "Donkeys have sounder road sense than horses," she says

Enjoyable donkey-work

Sure of foot and cheap to keep, donkeys are back in harness for farm work and recreation, **Jessica Gorst-Williams** reports

"We saw two kingfishers and a fox. Just standing there as we passed. We didn't seem to alarm anything. When you walk a dog everything whooshes and takes flight. With a donkey they accept you. There was hoar-frost everywhere. I could see the donkey's breath on the air and the only sound was of his little shoes clattering along." Gilbert White in Selborne, 1784? No, Anne McCaig, donkey-driving champion, speaking in Kent in 1993.

Donkeys used to be part of everyday life. Their ability to negotiate steep, cobbled lanes and narrow alleys made them ideal draught animals for costermongers, dairymen, coal merchants, chimney sweeps, refuse and dung collectors. They were also used by farmers. Then lorries and tractors relegated them to the seaside, and as companions to family hunters. Their numbers dwindled and it was only the efforts of The Donkey Breeds Society, founded in 1967 as The Donkey Show Society, that stopped them becoming a rarity in Britain.

Now, some people are using them again for ploughing and harrowing, as smallholder Jill Gill does in Okehampton, Devon, with her donkeys Katie and Tiffany. "Machinery just didn't work for us," she says. With a plough borrowed from a local agricultural museum, and some simple equipment, it takes her two days to work a half-acre field.

Donkey driving is having a revival, too. Last November, drivers and their donkeys took part in the Lord Mayor's Show in London for the first time. They compete at the Hickstead showground in Sussex.

Gradually, people are realising that donkeys are not a poor man's horse, and that they have advantages over their flightier cousins. "Donkeys have sounder road sense," Ms McCaig says. "A whiff of trouble and they'll stop, whereas a horse might flip you over, cart and all, and make a dash for it.

"Donkeys are suitable, too, for people who are disabled and use a wheelchair — they can have a ramp to get into the cart and the chair can be clamped into position."

Dr Elisabeth Svendsen of The Donkey Sanctuary at Sidmouth, Devon, has 3,890 donkeys, many of them rescued from mistreatment, and about 140 staff. She never turns a donkey away, and people are welcome to visit, free of charge, all year. Within the sanctuary is the Slade Centre, to which handicapped children are brought daily. For those in wheelchairs there are specially adapted carts. "Donkeys give disabled people such a lot of pleasure. Autistic children get an immense amount of joy," Dr Svendsen says.

Donkeys are cheaper to keep and drive than a horse. Costs include the carriage, which could be just a box on wheels, or one with metal shafts at about £400; a set of single harnesses at £200; and the donkey itself, perhaps £200.

Having started with the basics, the details can become almost an obsession. You begin to hanker after the perfect vehicle. The old-fashioned carriage wheels, for instance. They are not easy to come by in Kent, where the size of the hardwood spokes for donkey-cart wheels match too temptingly the vulnerable spars of 36-rung cherry ladders. So you find yourself at one of John Mauger's carriage sales at Thimbleby and Shorland in Reading, Berkshire: an Aladdin's cave of fur-lined driving aprons, period carriage lamps, coachman's buttons for liveries and Victorian picnic baskets.

Care is needed in driving. When our donkey, Big Ears (who once spent six months with a leg in a splint after a contretemps with a car), and I are poised to make a swift right turn into a fast-moving line of traffic, a note of caution creeps in. "It would be foolhardy to go on the roads without being very competent in the field with your donkey, or without having previously taken the donkey in hand along the road," says Joy Claxton, a donkey driving instructor.

Lessons are essential. You have less control over an animal from a cart than when riding on its back.

Although donkeys should not be driven before they are four years old, it is between six and 12 months that they are best able to learn the crucial commands: stop, walk on, trot, back. "They must also be able to reverse over a level crossing," Ms McCaig says.

Big Ears is decidedly long in the tooth and deeply entrenched in old habit patterns. And there's a crossing near here. So, although paradise can be gained in a donkey cart, and the road at the end of our drive may be one that leads to trophies (as it has done for Ms McCaig), driving along it is not for us.

"Donkeys, being suspicious creatures, tend to go round unfamiliar things," Ms Claxton reminded me. "Manhole covers, puddles and changes in colour in the road can be a source of danger."

On a day when the entire landscape had turned white overnight with snow, Big Ears sized up a hole in the fence which exactly matched his bulk, with an inch or two to spare, and went through it.

After tracking him down, I had to bring him back. He wouldn't walk but he did allow me to tow him — until, that is, the local bus slithered round the corner in the opposite direction. Then he realised that he could dig his hoofs in, even on ice, which he did for 20 minutes, blocking the road. No one minded: they just waited ... like the two kingfishers and the fox.



Joy of the open road: Kris Lovell and donkey Zahra (left) join Anne McCaig and Bonnie and Clyde

Cost of a donkey's year

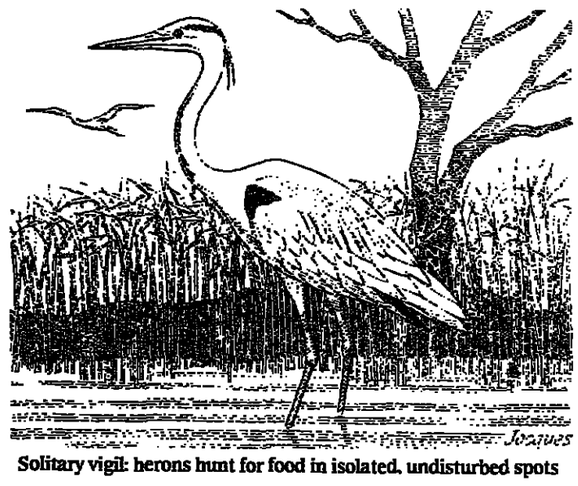
2 bales of straw per week (for bedding) at 50peach	£52.00
1 bale of hay for 25 weeks at £1.30 each	£32.50
Subscription to Donkey Breeds Society, which will cover public liability insurance	£15.00
Farrier every 2 months, £15 per trim	£90.00
Vaccinations (tetanus and equine flu)	£10.00
Worming every 2 months, £5 each time	£30.00
Modest exercise cart, £200, up to show vehicle, £2,000, or possibly more	£200.00 (plus)
Harnesses	£200.00
Head collar (nylon)	£5.00
Rope	£2.00
Accessories bought at auction: hot water bottle £5, up to brass footwarmer £200	£5.00 (plus)
Grooming: dandy brush £4, body brush £4, hoof pick £1.50, plastic box with handle for keeping them in £1.50	£11.00
Driving gloves	£15.00
Driving whip, fibreglass £25, up to holly driving whip £80	£25.00 (plus)
Driving apron in melton cloth	£20.00
Peppermints (not essential, but they love them) at 14p per packet	£7.28
Carrots (not essential, but they should always be sliced lengthwise)	£12.00
Maintenance of pasture and fencing	£40.00
Veterinary fees	from nought upwards
TOTAL	£770.78

● *For a list of qualified donkey-driving instructors, write to Mrs Jennifer Dillon, 27 Dugard Place, Barford, Warwick CV35 8DX, enlosing an sae. For a course on working a donkey, write to Jill Gill, East Cleve, Sourton, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 4JB, with sae.*

● *Donkey Sanctuary: Dr Elisabeth Svendsen, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 0NU (0395 578222). Carriage sales: Thimbleby and Shorland, 31 Great Knollys Street, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7HU (0734 508611).*

Feather report

Long-legged loners



Solitary vigil: herons hunt for food in isolated, undisturbed spots

In mid-February, if the weather is not too harsh, herons begin to return to their bulky nests in the treetops. A heronry is rather like a giants' rookery — yet the nests can easily be overlooked if they are in the middle of a dense copse, or if they are built in the high boughs of tall pines.

The males come back to the heronry first. They have a slow, heavy wing-beat when they are plodding across the skies in search of quiet river banks and ponds, but now they glide the last few yards into the trees. They stand on the old nests, or among the branches if they are first-time nesters; they turn the old nest-material over, or tug at the twigs around them, stretching out their long necks and using their dagger-like yellow bills.

Over the next few weeks, the females will come sailing in. When one approaches a male, there is an extraordinary greeting ceremony. The male sets up a wild, harsh honking, and the female answers with a vibrant cry. The male stretches himself to his full height, and points his straightened neck and his beak vertically at the sky. He is a striking sight with his blue-grey back and his long black crest hanging down the back of his head — quite unlike the hunched-up bird that one sees waiting beside a pool for a fish. Then both birds clatter their beaks at each other. Slowly, with frequent repetitions of this treetop ceremony, the bond becomes established.

> A heronry is a noisy place, with angry quarrelling outbursts

At a later stage, before actual mating, the male will offer sticks to the female, and nest-building or repairs will fill much of their days. Around this time, too, the herons often soar and glide with tilting wings in the air above the trees. By March, each pair will have four or five large, light blue eggs in their nest, and the incubating bird will be almost hidden behind its ramparts.

Heronries may contain large numbers of birds, or have only two or three nests in them. But by now even the smallest heronry is a noisy place, with greeting cries, angry quarrelling outbursts, and other snoring and retching sounds coming from the breeding birds. Sometimes you can see the herons powdering themselves. They have one large and two smaller patches of "powder-down" on their underparts — very fine, friable feathers that continually turn to dust at the tip. The herons dip their beaks into this dust and rub it over their bodies. It cleans the feathers and helps to waterproof them.

By mid-May, when many other species are just beginning to nest, the young herons will be reaching full-size and preparing to fend for themselves. Why does the heron nest so early? It is thought that the herons' breeding season is connected with the speed and intensity with which herons have to feed their large young. If the eggs hatch in March or early April, their parents are likely to find the marshes and lakes free of ice, and fish, frogs and voles already plentiful. But if they left their breeding much later, they would find the waterside vegetation growing up rapidly, and hunting would be a distinctly longer and more difficult job, as their prey would be less visible.

Of course, there could still be hard weather to come in February, and that would delay everything. Survival is the first demand on a bird, and herons do not find it easy when the lakes and pools are frozen. Some go down to the sea, some risk a visit at dawn to city rivers; but there is usually a high death-rate from starvation in a bad winter. Even so, many birds always get through it, and the heronry returns to life, albeit in somewhat depleted strength.

The population will probably never get much larger, however mild our winters. Herons need undisturbed solitude for catching fish, and they space themselves out across the countryside in the comparatively small number of places where they can find it.

So herons will not swarm on the river banks like Canada geese. But on a day out in the country there is always a good chance of seeing one of these powerful wanderers — in the spring sunshine, foraging for its nestlings by a riverside miles from the heronry, or on a bleak winter's day beating through the sky on its solitary way from reed-bed to reservoir.

DERWENT MAY

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Mayfair menus from the farm

Ivo Tennant meets a Devon farming couple who found a ready market for high-quality recipe dishes

STEPHEN MARKESON



Devon food mountain: Peter and Henrietta Greig in their farmhouse kitchen with Mayfair-trained chef Bob Gitsham, and some of the produce they now sell

The supermarket was not always the shoppers' mecca. In the days of traditional farming, village shops and rural communities were supplied with produce untainted by growth promoters or artificial additives. On a small family farm in Devon such methods are being resurrected, and in a unique way.

On their 50 acres near Exeter, *Peter and Henrietta Greig* rear their own animals for their own miniature version of a Marks & Spencer food hall on the farm. They have taken on a Mayfair-trained chef to create stuffings, pâtés and recipes for a range of products sold to individuals who want no truck with preservatives or polyphosphates.

It all began five years ago, when they spurned the opportunity to work in the family's broiler chicken business. "My father was one of the first to recognise in the 1950s that chicken would become a staple rather than a luxury food," Mr Greig says. "He was a pioneer in the production and processing, but his kind of farming is not for me.

"Good meat is produced by allowing the animal to mature on the farm, not through being factory farmed. Supermarket chicken and beef is not hung, because of demand and cost. Consistency is everything with supermarkets, but with it has come a blandness. They are too big to deal directly with the small farmer."

So the Greigs uprooted themselves from the security of broiler chicken farming in Kent and bought 50 acres outside Cullompton. They started from scratch: they had no house. What they did possess, though, was farming experience and a love of good food, that was a boon when they came to experiment with recipes. One in particular caused endless difficulty. Today, it is the most popular among their 450 customers. Shoulder of lamb is boned, rolled and stuffed with apricots, peaches, hazelnuts, their own mint, and cumin.

By the time the Greigs had built their own farmhouse and cutting room, they had about 200 customers and could take on a chef. Bob Gitsham, who had worked at the Inn on the Park, the Berkeley and the Park Lane Hotel. He was given scope to devise his own stuffings, marinades and pâtés.

Turkey, be it stuffed with apricots, hazelnuts and herbs, or stir-fry, is in demand. There are sausages made from pork, apples, herbs, rusk and water; chicken stir-fry with tarragon and ginger or stuffed with pesto and brown breadcrumbs; venison steaks and lamb with crushed coriander seeds. There are also eggs — free-range, of course — and good old dog food at 50p a pound. In a brine tub in the cutting room, ham and bacon is wet cured in an old-fashioned mix of spices, sugar and salt. Labels carry cooking instructions.

Beef, lamb, chicken, venison, duck, pork and geese can be purchased whole or by the portion. Mr Greig has decided not to supply restaurants, eschewing greater rewards, since meat would have to be bought in from elsewhere. His sheep and cattle are fed on grass, and most fertilisers are banned at Pipers Farm. So, too, are polyphosphates, widely used for water retention in meat processing.

So what drives the Greigs, other than an appreciation of decent, preservative-free food? There is, after all, considerably more money to be made from packing chickens into factory-style broiler houses, feeding them a cocktail including growth promoters and antibiotics to achieve a weight of 4lb at 40 days, and then sending them off to the kind of slaughterhouse where water slops around on the ground and stress hangs in the air.

"We do love good food, but I also have a strong belief in the rural community," Mr Greig says. "Family farms are the fabric of this, and modern retailing is not based on traditional farming. That has happened in Kent, where small family farms have been wiped out.

"Where I agree with my father is in the consistency of food — except that broiler chickens taste consistently ordinary. Our chickens cost more than his, but they are better value for money since the extra water might cause a 20 per cent weight loss during cooking."

Mr Greig claims that his pricing is comparable to supermarkets if a 10 per cent delivery charge to London is included, but in terms of value for money his food is cheaper. Just as the weight is not artificially increased through water, so all fat is trimmed. "A lot of people have become vegetarian because they dislike the taste of meat," he says. "Reverting to traditional methods should change that."

Stuffed shoulder of lamb

(serves 6)

3lb boned shoulder of lamb

Stuffing

8oz dried apricots
2oz hazelnuts
2oz drained canned peaches
tsp cumin
½oz fresh mint
½ tsp salt
good twist black pepper

Gravy

fresh chopped or dried oregano
½ tbsp redcurrant jelly
½ glass red wine
½ beef stock cube
black pepper

Combine stuffing ingredients in a food processor. Place the stuffing inside the boned shoulder of lamb, roll up, and tie or pin to secure. Place lamb in pre-heated oven, 220C/425F, gas mark 7, and cook for 20 minutes a pound plus 20 minutes. Allow an extra five minutes a pound to have the meat well done.

Remove from oven and allow to rest at room temperature for 15 minutes before carving.

To make gravy: to the pan juices add a generous pinch of oregano, the redcurrant jelly, red wine, stock cube dissolved in water from cooked vegetables, and black pepper. Bring to the boil and allow to simmer for a few minutes before serving separately.

● *Pipers Farm, Cullompton, Devon (0392 881380)*

For the love of a bargain

Great February value for drinkers and romantics

Bad weather and the last few festive bills always combine to make February a month most of us would prefer to forget. Traditionally too, February and August are the worst months in the wine merchants' year. So it's a relief to see the more enterprising wine outlets fighting February with some great new wines at low prices.

Astonishingly good value this month are two new arrivals from Bulgaria snaffled up by Tesco, ahead of its arch rival Sainsbury's, proving that there is life in the £1.99 wine bottle yet. What separates this splendid Bulgarian Country Wine white and red from the other Bulgars on the block is their extra dollop of quality and value, for the price. The pair are among the first Bulgarian wines on sale here produced by independent wineries who have broken away from Vinimpex, the state wine firm.

The white, a Medium Dry Ugni Blanc and Muskat from Vincom Burgas on the Black Sea coast, may be too sweet for some, but I enjoyed its light, clean, grapey-raisiny style. The red, a Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon from the Menada Vinprom Stara Zagora winery in the middle of the country, offers lots of pleasant, earthy, chunky creosote-scented fruit. This year Bulgarian bargain hunters need to look out for the words "UK importer Domaine Boyar" on the label, indicating the wine comes from an independent Bulgarian winery and thus offers extra value.

Another label indicator of good drinking this year is the words Hugh Ryman Wines, or HRW. Saint Hugh, as this energetic 31-year-old wine maker should be called, led a team of 12 Australian, or Australian-trained, wine makers last year into France, Hungary and Moldova (the new ex-Soviet state tucked in between Romania and the Ukraine). Mr Ryman can have seen few more primitive wine making conditions before than those of Moldova, but this has not stopped him from making an impressively light, delicate, grassy '92 Moldovan Sauvignon, and a spritzy, appley '92 Chardonnay. Several outlets are likely to stock this duo for £2.99 in April — I shall let you know.

In the meantime HRW drinkers should seek out the latest '92 vintages from the Gyöngyös Estate in Hungary. The flowery, herbaceous '92 Sauvignon and soft, waxy '92 Chardonnay are not, due to drought in Hungary last year, quite as good as the '91s. But at £3.29 from Thresher and Sainsbury's, it would be churlish to quibble.

Majestic Wine Warehouses has some good £1-off deals this month, appropriately entitled "Better Than Duty Free". Ginestet claret, with its ripe, simple, attractive herbaceous fruit, is a steal here at £2.29. So too is the delicious, buttery, oaky fruit of the '91 Canterbury California Chardonnay, at just £3.99.

If romantic notions are in mind, think pink. Davisons is selling the excellent, strawberry scented Killawarra rosé for £4.79 this month, down from £4.99.

Champagne never goes amiss on Valentine's day, and The Victoria Wine Company is running a "seven bottles for the price of six" offer on its delicious Paul d'Hurville house bubbly, which brings it down to just £8.56 a bottle instead of its normal £9.99 price tag. Torres 1992 San Valentin, with its sweet, spritzy, scented style, complete with a white plastic cherub dangling from its capsule, may also be the sort of thing lovers are looking for this month (Selfridges, London W1, £4.49). Personally, I would rather have a glass or two of the glorious '91 St Amour, Domaine de la Pirolette from Georges Duboeuf, whose juicy, cherry and blackcurrant fruit has helpfully been reduced for one week only (from today until Feb 14) from £6.99 to £5.99 (Bottoms Up and Wine Rack). Lovers take note.

JANE MACQUITTY

Robin Young's Restaurant Watch is on page 6

BEST BUYS

- **Bulgarian Country Wine: White Burgas Ugni Blanc and Muskat, Red Stara Zagora Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, Tesco £1.99.**
- **1992 Gyöngyös Estate Sauvignon and Chardonnay** *Thresher and Gateway, £3.29.*
- **Ginestet Claret** *£2.29,* **1991 Canterbury California Chardonnay** *£3.99both from Majestic Wine Warehouses.*
- **Killawarra Rosé** *Davisons. £4.79.*
- **Paul d'Hurville Champagne** *£8.56 if you buy seven, from The Victoria Wine Company.*
- **1991 St Amour, Domain de la Pirolette, Georges Duboeuf** *Bottoms Up and Wine Rack. £6.99 down to £5.99.*

Too much sage and rue the day

THE price of fresh herbs in supermarkets is high, normally about 60p for a small 15g packet. If you are cooking for two, the quantity is about right, but if your table is going to be crowded, you need several packets for most dishes.

Unless you grow your own herbs, the only alternative is those small pots of living herbs you keep on the kitchen windowsill. They work quite well: you simply snip away as you use them. The cost varies from about £1.85 to £2.50 and the instructions on the pot suggest you then throw your herb away. "Cannot be grown on" is the message.

In most cases this is rubbish. The reason the shops put the label on the little plastic containers is simple: if they suggest you can replant or grow on and the exercise fails — if you drown the thing with water or stick it out in the snow — you might well go back to your supermarket and complain.

It is simpler for them to sell the little plants as a one-off, non-reusable purchase.

If you can find bushy little potted herbs in your garden centre, they usually cost about £1.25. They are meant for planting out, but can be used in the same way as the supermarket window-sill decorations.

Christine Forecast, who grows 300 herb varieties commercially in her Norfolk gardens, says that the success rate with growing-on the supermarket pots can be quite high. Just consult your gardening manual for how to propagate the little herb.

Of course, a second reason for the supermarkets' insistence that you should throw away your little pot of mint or sage is that you will have to return to the supermarket more often to replace it.

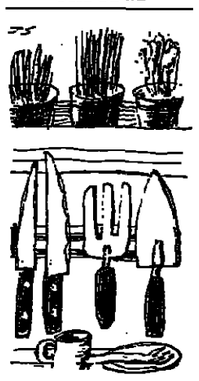
We are in the middle of a great herb explosion in home cooking, brought on by television cooks and holiday eating in France. I do not entirely approve. Too often I find converts to fresh herbs go mad. Lemon thyme with fish is fine but when, on the principle that two herbs are better than one, a herb-fiend throws in a sprig of rosemary, we are into overkill.

Ian Thomas, boss of Culpeper, the herb specialists, tells me that Britain is now keener on the aromatic little plants than northern France — though not the herb-happy south.

"Dill is the coming thing," he says. "All sorts of new varieties are coming in from America and some of them are delightfully delicate."

FOOD SPY

Herb fans should be careful



Nicholas Culpeper, the physician-herbalist and father of British herb-growing with his book, *The British Herbal*, said: "The cook should be half-physician."

Mr Thomas believes that we are beginning to get back to the notion of using herbs as a way of helping us digest food.

He says: "People think of fish, for instance, as something easy to digest. In fact it is quite difficult. Fennel and dill definitely aid the process."

He believes that in the coming decade we shall all become more interested not only in the pleasant flavours herbs give food, but in their digestive value.

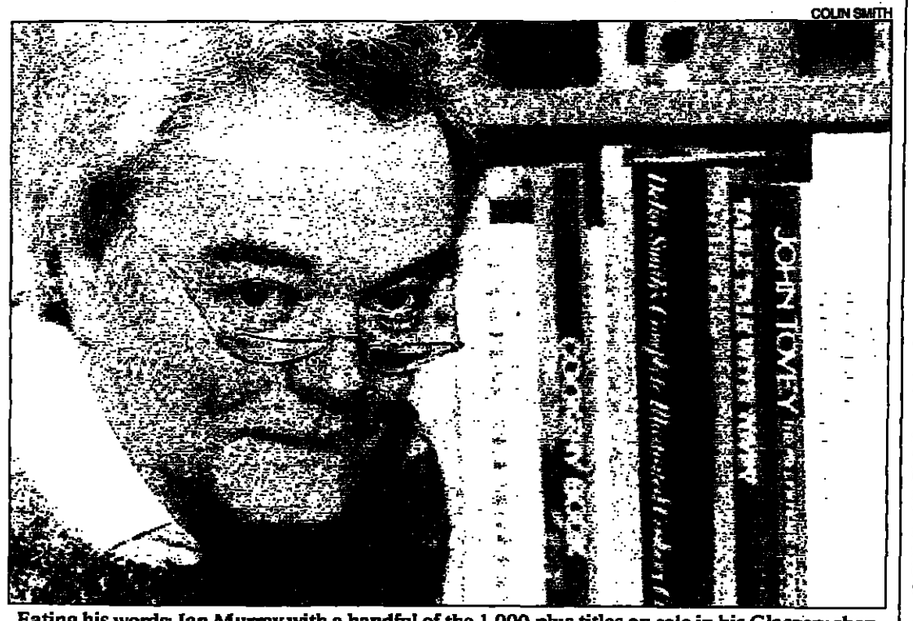
Possibly — but we must not go overboard. Herbs have to be treated with respect when it comes to health. For example, the National Trust's *The Complete Book of Herbs* warns against overuse of sage over long periods, which can cause an upset stomach. The pungent variety of mint called pennyroyal should not be taken by pregnant women (in Victorian times infusions of pennyroyal were used as an abortifacient). And rue can bring many people out in blisters just from handling it.

FRANK JEFFERY

Cook's tour of the book shelves

Where can you read the book, then buy the condiments? At the Glasgow temple of a man with a foodie mission

COLIN SMITH



Eating his words: Ian Murray with a handful of the 1,000-plus titles on sale in his Glasgow shop

Ian Murray stayed 18 years too long in his last job. Had he left sooner he wouldn't be any wealthier now (the reverse, if anything), but he would be spiritually replete. "This shop allows me to indulge two of the most important features in my life: books, and food and drink."

In December 1989, after 21 years at Glasgow University's bookshop ("I should only have stayed three"), Mr Murray opened Word of Mouth, Scotland's only cookery bookshop. "I felt there was a gap. Besides myself, only Books for Cooks in London has a stock of new and second-hand books and is open to the public. Other people who specialise in food and drink books operate from home on a *mail-order basis.*"

To find the shop you need to be committed. On the end of a row of gloomy Victorian tenements in an unfashionable road in Glasgow's fashionable west end, the shop is ideally placed to miss passing trade. "I couldn't afford the prices on the obvious main roads," he explains.

It's a one-and-a-half room shop. You step into a large, airy, high-ceilinged room, complete with original (dusty) plaster cornices and stripped-wood floor. The huge windows are hung with colourful stained-glass panels depicting fruit and vegetables. In the centre of the room is an enormous refectory table heaped with books. Alcoves along the walls are inset with ceiling-high shelves, each dealing with a specialised subject — Scottish, socio-academic, fish, barbecues, macrobiotic and so on.

Scattered on the floor are piles of oven gloves, crisp linen glass cloths, stainless-steel steamers, chopping boards and other kitchenware. Chutneys, oils, vinegars, jars of dried tomatoes and pickled condiments are distributed along window sills. Radio 3 murmuring quietly induces calm.

The half-room is a tiny space at the back of the shop, which Mr Murray grandly calls the gallery. It is not always in use, primarily because exhibitions have to be food and drink related. "I'd put on anybody if I could find them," he says, a little desperately.

With more than 1,000 different titles, plus a secondhand and antiquarian section, what you won't find here are what Mr Murray calls "good housekeeping and microwave" books. "Without being arrogant, they are for people not interested in cooking." What you will find are whole shelves devoted to, say, mushrooms or chocolate or marzipan; around 150 books solely on French or Italian cooking; books on subjects as specialised as Japanese snacks, currying chicken or New Zealand bean recipes; cultures as varied as Menorcan, Polish and Eskimo.

There are scholarly works, encyclopaedic volumes — *Le Repertoire de la Cuisine* by Louis Saulnier has 16 pages (15 entries per page) devoted to sole alone — the plain-speaking (*The Book of Marmalade*), and the esoteric (*Honey from a Weed*). The rarest book is a 1769 edition of Elizabeth Moxon's *English Housewife*, price £190.

"What I didn't realise, somewhat naively, was that so many of my customers would be chefs and restaurateurs," Mr Murray says. "But I find that very encouraging." People from England and Ireland make special pilgrimages, while visiting London business executives (including a conductor) allow time to pay a call before catching the shuttle home.

Why these people need so many cookery books when the majority of us get by on a sauce-stained two or three, is easily explained. "They usually only use one recipe out of each. They buy to read. It's almost an addiction," says Mr Murray, who admits to suffering the symptoms. "Jane Grigson, for example, I find totally absorbing."

> 'Foodies can be terribly boring to their friends . . . whereas in here they can completely self-indulge'

The shop's current best-seller is *The Greens Cook Book*, based on recipes from a San Francisco restaurant. "It encapsulates my market because it's so extremely innovative, combining things you wouldn't think of." Mr Murray discovered cooking late in life, in his mid-thirties, when he met his partner, Annie Good, an accomplished cook.

He has "been inside" every book in his shop — "as you can see, I'm not particularly rushed off my feet", he comments — and offers invaluable help for both the expert and the keen amateur. "Your mother is just starting to cook vegetarian?" he enquires of a young student. "In that case, I'd recommend *The Savoury Way.*"

While most people quietly browse, it doesn't take much before a conversation starts. "Foodies — I hate the word but it's so appropriate — can be terribly boring to their friends because their conversation inevitably turns to food and drink. Whereas in here they can completely self-indulge."

And stock up. Mr Murray began keeping delicatessen items partly through sheer desperation at not being able to find decent oils and vinegars in Glasgow. They are not cheap. His oils (single producer, first pressing, cold pressed) start at £7.50 and go up to £15 for a ½-litre bottle. His balsamic vinegars are matured for up to ten years and he recommends them for salad dressings, sauces and deglazing pans. A customer wonders whether it's true that in Italy the vinegar is drunk as an aperitif. "Oh absolutely! In Modena it was part of a girl's dowry." Mr Murray scuttles to the *Italian* section, swiftly selects *Secrets from an Italian Kitchen* by Anna del Conte and turns to page 306 to prove his point.

HELEN PICKLES

● *Word of Mouth, 29 Bank Street, Glasgow, G13 8NE (041-357 4282). Mon-Sat. 10am-6pm.*

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Seeds yield a harvest of plenty

Frances Bissell finds good eating from the grains in her kitchen cupboards



WHEN I started thinking about grains and grain recipes, I checked my store cupboard and was surprised at the range I found. Not counting the flours for baking, I found polenta and yellow cornmeal, the same thing but with different names in Italy and America; Basmatic rice to serve plain with curries or as a scented, golden pilau; Arborio rice for risottos; Calasparra rice from Valencia to make paellas; round grain rice for puddings; brown rice; wild rice; and even a bag of black, glutinous rice from Singapore.

There was also pot barley and the more refined pearl barley for casseroles, oatmeal for baking and for breakfast porridge, and grits — hulled and milled from corn. There, too, was fine semolina, milled from wheat, for puddings and biscuits, as well as pasta and gnocchi: just a little adds body.

There was also a jar of couscous, made from semolina grains moistened, rolled into small balls or "grains", and coated with a finer wheat flour for steaming. I serve couscous with meat and vegetable tagines, fragrant, spicy Moroccan-style stews.

Bulgar wheat is also a partially processed grain that is further cooked by moistening with boiling water or steam. It can be served in the same way as couscous or with grilled lamb kebabs and salad.

Both grains also make excellent salads. When they have swollen to their full size, I mix in olive oil, chopped mint, coriander, parsley, grated lemon zest, perhaps some stoned, chopped black olives, some diced, seeded tomato and some mild onions or shallots. Then add seasoning and a little lemon juice.

Millet and quinoa, too, can be prepared in this way, although they are equally good accompaniments for meat or fish dishes in place of rice and potatoes. Millet is much nicer than its birdseed connotations might lead you to believe. Quinoa is a similarly tiny, round grain, about the size of a sesame seed and, like millet, when cooked yields about four times its original volume of fluffy grain.

Any of these grains — the more unusual ones can be found in healthfood shops — can be added to bread recipes for variety. Hard, unprocessed grains will need soaking or pre-cooking in advance, and I would not add more than a handful or so for each loaf.

DIANA LEADBETTER



Broccoli risotto with smoked salmon butter

(serves 6-8)

2 small onions or shallots, peeled and finely chopped
2tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1lb/455g risotto rice, such as Arborio
up to 3pt/1.7l vegetable or chicken stock, which should be boiling
¾lb/340g broccoli florets

Salmon butter

¼lb/110g smoked salmon pieces
¼lb/110g unsalted butter
large pinch of mace
½ lemon
freshly ground pepper

In a large frying pan or sauté pan, gently fry the onion in oil until somewhat transparent. Stir in the rice and when it is well coated with oil, add ¼pt/140ml stock and stir until absorbed. Add a further ¼pt of stock, then cook until it, too, is absorbed.

With the next batch of stock, add the broccoli florets, broken into small pieces. Continue to add stock and stir from time to time to stop the rice sticking.

Meanwhile, make the salmon butter by blending the pieces with the butter and mace in a food processor. Add the grated lemon zest, lemon juice and black pepper and briefly process again. Spoon into a bowl. This will probably give rather more than you need for the risotto; any leftover is good on toast or stirred into freshly cooked pasta. The risotto may be cooked without adding all the stock; some people like the rice to have a firm centre, but I prefer it tender and creamy.

Serve the risotto as soon as it is ready in heated soup plates, and pass the salmon butter around separately. The salmon butter turns this simple vegetable risotto into a luxury dish at a relatively low cost, as it uses pieces. To drink with it: a crisp Italian Chardonnay from Alto Adige.

Polenta with peppered sausage

(serves 6)

4 pieces dried tomato, optional
1lb/455g meaty coarse-cut sausage, Italian, Toulouse or similar
2 or 3 sprigs of rosemary
2tbsp extra virgin olive oil
½ tsp freshly ground black pepper
1lb/455g polenta

If using dried tomatoes, cut each piece into several strips and soak in ⅛pt/70ml hot water. Squeeze the sausages out of their skins and fry the meat over a gentle heat until all the fat is rendered. Pour this away, and continue frying the meat with the addition of the rosemary and the olive oil. Add the tomatoes, their soaking liquid and the black pepper. Continue cooking, stirring from time to time until the meat is cooked and most of the liquid has evaporated, leaving just enough for a little sauce for the polenta.

Meanwhile, cook the polenta according to the directions on the packet. The polenta should be poured steadily into the boiling water and stirred continuously to avoid lumps. The polenta is cooked when it begins to pull away from the side of the pan.

Serve the polenta in heated soup plates and spoon the sauce on top, having removed the rosemary sprigs. Any polenta left over can be poured into a loaf tin; when it has set, it can be turned out, sliced and grilled and served at another meal.

Bava's Dolcetto d'Asti wine is a good match for this dish.

Pigeon breasts with scented rice

(serves 4-6)

4 wood pigeons
2tbsp honey
2tbsp cider
1tbsp cider vinegar
¼ tsp ground cinnamon
¼ tsp ground cardamon, or crushed cardamon seeds
1-2tbsp sesame seeds
½lb/230g Basmati or Patna rice
3 or 4 fragrant leaves or flowers, such as lemon verbena, lemon thyme, scented geranium, lemongrass, kaffir lime leaves or dried lime flowers (linden) or jasmin
zest of lemon
2 cloves
1tbsp toasted sesame oil

Remove the breasts from the pigeons. Trim and wipe them. Remove the skin and any shot that you can ease out. Mix the honey, cider, vinegar and spices and brush the mixture over the meat, coating it thoroughly. Cover and marinate.

Chop the carcasses, brown them well, put in a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to the boil, skim off any foam and simmer on a low heat for 2-3 hours. Strain. About a pint of the stock can be reduced to make a sauce for this dish; the rest can be kept for a game soup.

Put the rice in a heavy saucepan and pour on 16fl oz/455ml water. Tie the leaves together and add to the pan with the zest and cloves. Bring to the boil and then turn the heat right down. Cover with a tight-fitting lid and cook for about 20 minutes, by which time the rice will have absorbed the water yet remained fluffy and unsticky.

Meanwhile, heat the grill. Remove the meat from the marinade, blot off excess moisture, but leave enough to hold the sesame seeds. Scatter these on to the side you are grilling first. Cook for 7-8 minutes on one side, first on a high heat, then lower it. Carefully turn over the meat, scatter with more sesame seeds and continue grilling until done to your liking. Remove, put to one side, covered, in a warm place, while you finish the sauce.

Strain the marinade into the reduced stock. Bring to the boil, skim, add salt and pepper as necessary. Remove the leaves, cloves and zest from the rice. Spoon on to hot plates. Slice the pigeon breasts into two or three, arrange on the rice, and spoon over the sieved sauce. Sprinkle with a little sesame oil.

With this we might drink a sparkling wine such as Cava.

Orange and cinnamon rice pudding

(serves 6-8)

4tbsp round grain or pudding rice
1pt/570ml semi-skimmed milk
½pt/280ml full-cream milk
1 cinnamon stick
3 clementines or Seville oranges
sugar to taste

Lightly butter an oven-proof dish and put in the rice. Pour in the milk and add the cinnamon stick. Peel the thinnest possible layer of zest from the fruit, cut into strips, and add to the rice and milk. Cook in the bottom of a slow oven, about 150C/300F, gas mark 3, for 2½-3 hours, until the rice is tender and swollen, having absorbed the milk. Remove cinnamon stick. Grate the zest from the remaining orange into the rice and squeeze in the juice. Sweeten to taste and serve.

Make individual chilled rice puddings by spooning into ramekins and refrigerating overnight. Spoon a layer of brown sugar on the top and let it melt and caramelise under the grill.

Cuisine with street cred

Throughout the subcontinent, some of the best Indian food is prepared in the open air

The pungent aroma of incense, cow dung and frying spices was stifling in the languid heat of an Indian afternoon. I threaded my way through the bazaar, between bicycles and bullock carts, past pyramids of spices and barrows of fruit, in my search for street food, the spicy snacks called *chaat*, cooked in roadside stalls.

My culinary journey had begun in Delhi, where India's Mogul rulers left a legacy of Persian food, which was absorbed into the national cuisine. In the shadow cast by the walls of Shah Jahan's Red Fort, I tasted my first real samosas. Hot and crunchy, they were lifted straight from the boiling oil of a *karahi* a wok-like pan of cast iron, 2ft in diameter, indispensable for deep frying and stir fries.

From Delhi I caught a train westwards to the pilgrim city of Pushkar. Some of the best *chaat* is found on Indian stations, which is fortunate as you could die of hunger waiting for a delayed train. Dal-filled chapattis, cucumbers sprinkled with toasted cumin and sour mango seasoning, and split peas fried in a peppery masala of freshly ground spices are hawked along the platform. Always the piercing cry, "*Chai! Chai!*", can be heard above the din, from the man with his portable aluminium urn selling tea in unfired terracotta cups.

En route, I bought a handful of pakoras wrapped in a newspaper cone, passed to me through the rusting window bars. They turned out to be crunchy fritters studded with the seasonal vegetables I had seen in the bazaar — desi palak, a wild spinach, and fat lauki from the squash family, chopped and fried in a chickpea batter infused with pomegranate seeds.

At dawn the next day, among the narrow streets of

IMPACT



Eating on the move: food stalls on a Bombay street

Pushkar, little changed since the middle ages, preparations were already under way in the small food stalls. The spitting sound and acrid smell of scorching fat was carried in the chilly air. Smoke clouded the dark confines of an alley where boys were busily stoking primitive clay stoves with wood and dried cow pats.

I joined a group of pilgrims returning from the bathing ghats, to queue for pani poori. Shivering by the stove we watched the cook shape balls of wheat dough, which ballooned as he dropped them in boiling oil. With his thumb he crushed a hole in the hollow breads, stuffing them with a filling of bitter-tasting tamarind water and boiled pea masala — a recipe guaranteed to warm chilled bones.

Two hundred kilometres south, in the crowded bazaars of Udaipur, I tried *barti*, dense wheat rolls flavoured with coriander and fennel seeds, traditionally a staple food of desert people. The cook explained how the freshly baked batti were first dunked in clarified butter called ghee, then roughly crushed on a metal tray and covered in dal.

Fortified with calories for a month, I took a bus to Mount Abu, a culinary crossroads on my journey. Holidaymakers from surrounding states have brought their fast food to this hill station. The Gujarati people contributed pau-bhaji, cooked on a heavy cast iron griddle or *tava*. The aromatic smell of this chilli hot tomato and potato dish drew me to the stall, where the spectacle of a frenzied cook energetically pulverising the ingredients on a *tava* enticed me to linger. This was street entertainment. Deftly he scooped the pulp on to toasted buns with a spoonful of chilli sauce, a sprinkling of rock salt and red onion, and urged me to "enjoy!"

Chaat is often consumed on the hoof. Wherever there is a crowd, there will also be *thalas*, hand-drawn barrows stacked high with freshly fried cashew nuts, warm roasted peanuts and puffed rice called *murmuras*.

I found the *pièce de résistance* of my gastronomic pilgrimage one miserable afternoon in a muddy bus station. Queuing in the pouring rain for a ticket back to Delhi, I noticed a *thala-wallah* selling potato patties, which sizzled temptingly on the periphery of a *tava*, balanced over a portable charcoal stove. He placed a patty in a bowl of woven leaves, covered it with chickpeas simmered in a fiery sauce, scattered over raw green chilli, doused this with a dollop of curd and seasoned it with red chilli powder. This little dish was an inferno of flavours.

Street *chaat* is fresh, fast, and full of flavour. Be courageous enough to try it, and you will experience the true taste of India.

Pao-bhaji

(serves six)

1½lb potatoes peeled, boiled and diced
3tbsp sunflower oil
4 green chillis, chopped
1 heaped tbsp freshly grated ginger
4 dried red chillies crushed
14oz fresh or tinned chopped tomatoes
1tbsp garlic and ginger paste, dissolved in 6tbsp water
2oz butter
2tsp garam masala
small bunch fresh coriander, chopped
juice of a lime
6 soft white batch buns
1 red onion

Heat the oil in a heavy-based pan and fry the green chillies, ginger and tomatoes over a medium heat for two minutes. Lower the heat, add red chillies and potatoes. Mash the mixture, slowly adding the dissolved pastes. Increase the heat and stir in the butter until melted. Season, then mix in the coriander with the garam masala and lime. Traditionally served on toasted buttered buns, with chilli sauce, chopped red onion and yoghurt, it is also excellent as a vegetable accompaniment to a meat dish.

SARAH MARSH

SPRING ON THE RHÔNE

AN 8 DAY RIVER JOURNEY FROM BURGUNDY TO PROVENCE ABOARD THE MS ARLENE
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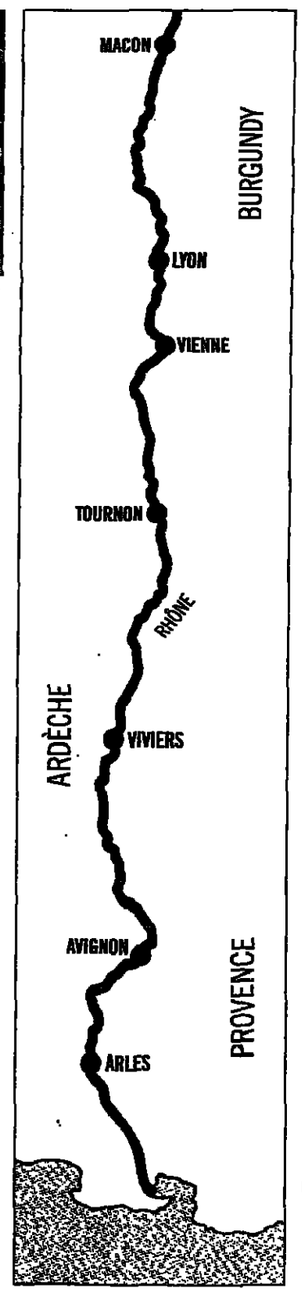


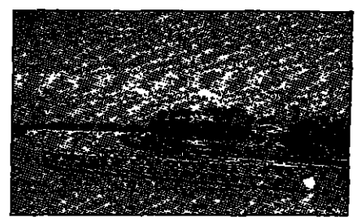
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Highlights for many will be Cluny with its Roman Abbey set in the beautiful Beaujolais countryside, Lyon – a gastronomic delight and home to an extraordinary collection of Gothic art, Roman Vienne, Tournon in the heart of the Rhône vineyards and Viviers, surely the most wonderful medieval village in France. On day five we sail into Provence and explore the Roman wonders of Arles and Avignon, the Camargue and the enchanting countryside.

To our minds, this is the ideal way to explore this lovely corner of France, avoiding as it does tiring road journeys and the need to move from hotel to hotel along the route. In addition there is no doubt that a different perspective is gained from aboard a river vessel as she navigates slowly through the peaceful landscape. On some sections of the river there is the attractive feeling that one has stepped back in time with little visible of the 20th century.

Each day the 'Arlene' enters another region allowing you time to acclimatise gently and absorb the subtle changes in scenery, architecture and life styles. Visits ashore are arranged throughout the week and after a rewarding excursion we return to our vessel and the air conditioned comfort and good food for which the 'Arlene' is well known.





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Not everybody wants to rule the world

James Hepburn found that any thirst for power he might have had was quenched early



The urge for power is a mystery. With some it is stillborn. With others it grows until all Europe lies in flames at their feet. Whichever way we go, the first taste of power is a turning point.

We start life as parcels. Babies, unless they are the Dalai Lama, are as powerless over their fellow men as they are over their bowel movements.

The one clear memory I have of infancy is of lying in the garage being barked at by a big dog. All my sympathies now are with the dog and his shock at looking over the rim of the pram and seeing my prune-like face. However, I remember very strongly wanting the dog to go so I could get on in safety with eating, sleeping, screaming and looking at the garage roof. I had strong views on what was best for me, but none on what was best for the rest of the world.

Children have no political manifesto or theories on macro-economics. I imagine that, at the age of three, the last thing on Hitler's mind was the invasion of Poland. I doubt if he could spell Poland, let alone Czechoslovakia.

Adolescence brings the first urges to meddle in the business of others. We can handle this life business, so why are we still treated like half-wits? We want status to go with the new hairstyle. We demand a little respect. But to make a splash we need a gang. Power lies in numbers.

This burst of energy leads to trouble in countries where there are factions loose looking for blunt instruments. The teenager makes the world's best blunt instrument. In return, the teenager is given a gun. There is little more frightening than a Kalashnikov in the hands of a 12 year old. You can look in vain for signs of life in the eyes beneath the helmets of Guatemalan conscripts or Khmer Rouge boy-soldiers.

The advantage of milk-sop liberal democracy is that the first experience of power is usually unarmed. There are exceptions. In some schools in south London, it is as well to slip a shiv into your pencil case. The *Uzi User's Manual* is a more practical birthday gift to a teenage soldier in the Washington crack wars than the *Just William* omnibus. But if we are lucky, the closest we come to power is a prefect's tie.

My tie was a rather nice red, dotted with little black lions, like zoo escapees in a sea of blood. I was 12 years old. If it had been offered, I would have been open to fascism, communism or militant religion. As it was, being not only English but from Guildford, I believed in Alf Tupper, "the tough of the track" in the *Victor* comic, and playing "three-and-in" with my friend Martin on Sunday afternoons.

The tie was not an empty symbol. With it came powers. We were given two sets of cards, one yellow and one white. The yellow were called "conduct cards" and were for use against crimes of petty violence and minor vandalism. The conduct card was a matter of honour. Too many conduct cards and your house lost the chance to be "top house". The criminal could no longer hold his head up in public. He became a rat in a street full of men. The white were "detention cards", kept for serious criminals with no honour left to stain.

On my first morning, I discovered that power was not for me. John Buttery, the Lower Remove expert in psychological warfare, took three hours to push me to the edge. In this time I gave him four conduct cards. The fifth time he flicked the red tie with the little black lions out of my jacket, I reached for the white cards. Seeing his smile of victory, I drew back my hand and smiled back, a little sickly. I had been taught that I lacked natural authority. There are those whose men will follow them anywhere and those whose men have, unbeknown to them, slipped quietly off to the pub. I am one of the latter and am grateful that I learnt this young enough to avoid politics or the armed forces. I have a lot to thank Buttery for, wherever he may be. Perhaps he is the dictator of a small Latin American republic.

There are two ways of looking at those with a hunger for power. Slaves to the urge see it as a desire to build a better world. The rest of us tend to follow the darker Shakespearean line. Just as it seems unlikely that Macbeth kills Duncan because only a King Macbeth can give Scotland a decent housing benefit and health-care policy, so there is something fishy in the idea that Joe Hardgraft wants to be mayor just to give the small man a square deal. Justly or unjustly, we suspect that Hardgraft, mocked by bigger boys at school for his spindly legs and sneered at by his sister, wants someone to boss around.

Whatever the motive, there is no going back on the road to absolute power. Great men and great women do not go gentle into that good night. The dictator dies at the helm or melts bitterly away like Stroessner, the deposed strong man of Paraguay, exiled in São Paolo, querulous at the emptiness of long days without gold braid. The deposed democratic leader niggles from the wilderness, waiting in vain for the aide with the red box.

So, why devote a life to power? Henry Kissinger called power "the ultimate aphrodisiac". President Mitterrand's description of Baroness Thatcher as having the lips of Marilyn Monroe and the eyes of Caligula may tell us more about him than her, but there is no doubt that sex had a part to play in this country's relationship with the lady. It is surprising how many people want to fool around with those who order them about.

However, it was surely a deeper instinct than sex or money which guided Macbeth's hand and drives the ambitious to years of addressing empty village halls on the advantages of monetary policy and rates reform. The answer may lie in childhood.

Children want recognition from their parents. They do not climb out of the attic window for fun. They do it to say, "Look at me! I'm climbing out of the attic window!" The dictators and the politicians, the emperors, all who have clawed their way to the top, may still at heart be climbing out of the attic window. As they get more power, they can say to more people: "Look at me — I'm a prefect!" or "Look at me — I'm president!", until finally, like Nero, they can say: "Look at me — I'm God!"

The reassuring side of the power game is that, in life as in fiction, the heroes are the failures and the powerless. The problem with ambition is that it takes itself seriously. If it stops to laugh, it is lost. If we have to be dumped on a desert island, we want Bertie Wooster and not John Major for company. We want Hattie Jacques and not Lady Thatcher. If we need a dictator, we want Tony Hancock, declaring that the extra two feet on his back garden is his last territorial demand in East Cheam.

Thanks to Buttery I have command over one dog. But he ignores me when I tell him to sit.

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From Soho to Portobello, what's new in London

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Curtain up on home entertainments

Robert Tewdwr Moss discovers that elaborate home-grown amusement is still thriving in the 1990s

MARTIN BEDDALL



That's entertainment: David Warbeck (left) with the Parlour Quartet, who have performed at his private salon theatre at the Convent in Hampstead, north London

When you live in a fantasy palace like this," David Warbeck, the actor, says, "you feel it's something you want to share." The Convent is a Gothic Victorian fantasy (listed both inside and out), clinging to Rosslyn Hill in Hampstead, north London. It was designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott and became the home of his interior designer, Sir Alfred Bell.

Mr Warbeck is the "pasta masta" of more than 50 spaghetti movies ("Ned Sherrin told me, 'You've made so-many awful films, darling, I'm going to nominate you for a Bafta for effort'.") and bought the house 15 years ago, starting the transition from the tacky to the wacky when he discovered the proscenium arch of a salon theatre beneath sheets of plasterboard. On uncovering marble pillars and

> 'I suppose I ham the plays up terribly, and it's all performed in a super-theatrical style'

Gothic archways, he realised he had a Victorian masterpiece on his hands. An old book in the Swiss Cottage library outlined the history of the house, and stated that Sir Alfred's lavish home entertainment had included performances by Liszt, Gilbert and Sullivan, George Grossmith and other stars of the Victorian stage in his very theatre.

"I suppose I am trying to reintroduce the idea of the salon theatre," Mr Warbeck says. "I love this house because it constantly has a flow of people coming through. If people come in the evening — often actors and film friends — we might put on a show, but I always ask them to bring people I don't know." The constant flow includes experts from the Victoria & Albert Museum and English Heritage, European royalty, nuns, doctors and film stars. Mr Warbeck often uses the house and theatre for charity events.

The huge Gothic rooms are decorated with Sir Alfred's original frescoes, studded with gigantic mirrors and adorned with busts and statues (mainly former film props). Appropriately enough with the current revival of vampires, Christopher Lee was filmed here for the *South Bank Show*, talking about the history of Dracula, and a performance of the cult show *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom* is currently under way.

The concert pianist Philip Fowke also gives performances in his home, set behind a Georgian square in London's East End. He bought a former warehouse and built a music studio in it, where stand his two grand pianos. He invites people over to "hear the run-throughs of my concerts". The studio, with its gallery, can accommodate 60 guests.

In November, he started his first season of Sunday afternoon matinées of chamber music at which he or an invited guest (such as Hamish Milne) will perform. "I think the two most chilling words in the English language are 'concert pianist'," says Mr Fowke, the star of many a prom performance. "Concert-going has become too ritualised. You walk across a silent stage, dressed in black, to this great black thing, spotlit like a catafalque. I often feel like genuflecting rather than performing. I'm sure people only clap at the end with relief."

Mr Fowke is a scion of an architectural family — a distant Fowke antecedent built the Albert Hall. He has Gothicised the former warehouse with ecclesiastical masonry, medieval archways, clerestories and trefoil windows. The altar rails from Our Lady Immaculate in Limehouse now lead into his garden.

Tea, coffee and wine are served at his Sunday afternoon concerts and members of the audience (who attend by written invitation or through word-of-mouth) make a donation, the proceeds of which go to the Musicians Benevolent Society or the Music in Hospitals movement.

"Now I've got this house finished, I want to share it," he says. "I like the informality of the gatherings and the opportunity to meet all the people you come across in the music business but never have time to chat to." Even people who know nothing about music.

There is only one social solecism to look out for in the Fowke household, and that is the wearing of stiletto heels. "I'm afraid I have to say, 'Would you terribly mind taking off your shoes, it ruins the parquet floor'," Mr Fowke says, pointing to the pitted wooden blocks in his floor. Such are the perils of visiting the artist in his lair — for both audience and artist.

But entertaining at home does not have to be on the grand scale, as George Speaight will tell you. Mr Speaight is the leading expert on the English Toy Theatre, which was the Victorian child's wood-and-paper replica of the popular theatre of the day. Since 1932, he has been giving private performances of *The Corsican Brothers* (one of Sir Henry Irving's greatest vehicles), *Sleeping Beauty* and *The Miller and his Men*.

Mr Speaight lives in Kew Green, west London, in a house bought by his father in 1932 after he was bankrupted in the depression. "I had to leave school early and worked in Bumpus' Bookshop in Oxford Street, where I put on shows for the children every Christmas," Mr Speaight says. It was here that George Bernard Shaw and J.B. Priestley saw the same show that you can see today in his drawing room.

"It gives focus to a party, and I was never very good at talking to people at parties," Mr Speaight says. Superior plonk is served and a pie from Newens Original Maids of Honour shop in Kew Green. "We fill guests up with drinks to start with to make them appreciative," says Mr Speaight, aged 78. With his bow tie and waistcoat, he looks not unlike a Victorian toymaker. "About 15 guests are invited to each performance. It always says curtain up at 8.15pm on the invitation to each performance. If anyone is late, they have to wait, as I never interrupt a performance." The condensed performance lasts about half an hour and Mr Speaight knows the script by heart. "There were over 300 adaptations made and they are the only record left of some plays. The sets, costumes and characters were all reproduced faithfully. The music comes from a Victorian music box."

Mr Speaight put on the plays for his children. "When they were teenagers, they were embarrassed at having a father who played with a toy theatre, but when they went up to Oxford, they became rather proud of me again."

The audiences include a sprinkling of "mad, passionate collectors" and the general public. These have included Miles Kington, Bamber Gascoigne, Peter Ackroyd and theatre friends of George's brother, Robert Speaight, the actor, as well as publishing colleagues and family friends. Peter Baldwin, who plays Derek in *Coronation Street*, is a regular visitor and has just published his own book on the subject. "I suppose I ham the plays up terribly and it's all performed in a super-theatrical style," says Mr Speaight.

Today you can buy your own toy theatre replica for only a few pounds. It is tremendous fun and does not appeal only to the young. A reviewer from *The Star* wrote of one of the shows in 1934: "To the grey and bald in the audience, the experience was a pure delight." The same can still be said today.





Curtain up: George Speaight has given toy theatre shows since 1932

Show time

- The performances described are all semi-private. Occasionally a word-of-mouth invitation is enough, but more usually one has to receive a written invitation. Some performances are put on to raise money for charity and donations are in order.
- Toy theatres can be bought at Pollocks Toy Museum, 1 Scala Street, London W1 (071-636 3452) for as little as £3.75. The nearest underground station is Goodge Street. *The History of the English Toy Theatre* by George Speaight is also available there, price £17.50. *Toy Theatres of the World* (Zwemmer, £19.95) by Peter Baldwin is available from most bookshops.
- If you want to hire artists to perform in your theatre, the Parlour Quartet have performed at the Convent and can be contacted at 63 Hemstal Road, London NW6 (071-624 2225).
- If you wish to hire a private theatre, you can hire the late opera diva Adelina Patti's theatre at Craig-Y-Nos Castle, Abercrave, Powys SA9 1GL, still privately owned (0639 730205).
- Lily Langtry's charming private theatre is now the hotel bar at the Inverness Court Hotel, Inverness Terrace, London W1, her former home.
- At Garsington Manor near Oxford, formerly the home of Lady Ottoline Morrell and frequented by the Bloomsbury Group, the owners have transformed a barn with oak panelling from Glyndebourne and are planning a series of concerts in the spring: April 24, 25, and May 22 and 23 (details on 0867 36636).
- If you are subject to budgetary constraints, it is worth remembering that the Schubert Society (in conjunction with the German YMCA) hosts "Schubertiade" or concerts of Schubert's music and songs on the third Sunday of every month at 3pm at the Lancaster Hall Hotel, Craven Terrace, London WC2. Free, but donations welcome.

Water worship

Ruth Gledhill attends an extraordinary service in a small circular dockside chapel with big ideas



THE Coronarium at St Katharine's Dock in east London, so called after a competition among dock workers to find a name, is one of the smallest chapels in London, with a circumference of only a few metres. But its reach is far greater, thanks to an audio system which broadcasts Canon Peter Delaney's every word to the farthest corner of the ancient dock. Loudspeakers mounted on lampposts and office walls ensure that few of the 4,500 shop, office and restaurant workers on the St Katharine's Dock site can remain unaware of the presence of the sacred in the midst of the secular.

Once the service I was attending began, the dock was launched into the rite of the Anglican communion service: "Almighty God, to whom all hearts be open . . ."

Yachtsmen and passers-by seemed almost as surprised at the presence of this ebullient Christian rite in their midst as they would have been had Neptune risen from the waves. I welcomed the protection of Simon Latham's statue of Lazarus raised from the dead by Christ, standing as a solid witness to our presence.

The Coronarium stands on a promontory linking the north and south dock basins, behind the Tower Hotel and the Dutch swing-bridge. It was the dream of Peter Drew, former chairman of the Taylor Woodrow group, which developed the dock. Mr Drew carved the font, with its gold-leaf bowl, out of granite from the dock wall. His aim at St Katharine's was to build a community where people could live, work and play. "Part of living, working and playing must involve recognising the existence of God and praying," he says.

In accordance with his vision and exposed to the elements, we prayed in the presence of two catamarans, some private yachts, a ketch, an Atlantic racing yacht, some small rowing boats, six Thames barges, three longboats and the old Nore lightship from the North Sea. On a Dutch cruiser the owner downed tools to join in the Lord's Prayer.

Canon Delaney waved to diners in the Tower Hotel's carvery during the "peace", the part of the service where we all shake hands, and they waved back. Simultaneously, in the Waterside restaurant, lunchtime drinkers lifted their glasses to toast us.

The sermon was based on Jesus calling his disciples to be fishers of men. Maybe Canon Delaney's action during the peace, running outside the Coronarium to shake hands with a couple of bemused tourists walking by with packets of fish and chips, was a modern-day equivalent.

The Coronarium was built in 1977. Its Perspex crown, which hangs between two pillars on the west side of the chapel, was unveiled by the Queen on her Silver Jubilee walkabout. The chapel's cast-iron columns were rescued from the original dock, and replaced in a circle on the site of the original medieval church of the Royal Foundation of St Katharine, demolished in 1826.

St Katharine of Alexandria, patron saint of maidens, died a gruesome death. She was tied to a spiked wheel, rolled down a hill until the wheel broke, and finally beheaded. The instruments of her agony are alluded to in the chapel's construction: its circular shape, with pillars casting shadows like spokes across the centre.

My overall impression was of something fantastical, and this was enhanced after the service, when Canon Delaney and Terry Barber, parish clerk of nearby All Hallows by the Tower, strolled in their elaborate and ornate robes into the dockside Ivory House. This former warehouse is now converted into apartments and offices. In a sumptuous suite of modern offices, Canon Delaney and his parish clerk disappeared through a small brown door marked "Vestry", only to emerge in suits and ties, looking for all the world like ordinary men.

We walked back past a new ship's chandler, a woollen shop, a leather shop and tobacconist, and a small supermarket selling provisions for yachtsmen alongside goods for local residents.

Although serviced by an Anglican chaplain, the Coronarium is multi-denominational. The silver chalice and paten, the plate which holds the bread at communion, were blessed and given to the chapel by the Pope after Canon Delaney and Mr Drew met him in Rome. Methodists, Pentecostalists and Catholic monks have worshipped there.

Although the circle of columns was dedicated by Lord Coggan, former Archbishop of Canterbury, and the altar dedicated by Dr Graham Leonard, former Bishop of London, the Coronarium has never been consecrated as an Anglican chapel. It remains the private chapel of the London World Trade Centre, unbound by parish, denominational and even religious boundaries.

As the grey dock light refracted through the multi-faceted exterior, the hint of another dimension broke through with a sudden shaft of sunlight, and I could have sworn that Lazarus shifted slightly in the breeze.

● *The Eucharist is celebrated at the Coronarium every Thursday at 12.30pm*

The Coronarium Chapel, of St Katharine, St Katharine's Dock, London E1 9AT (071-488 4772).

CHAPLAIN: Canon Peter Delaney
SERMON: Improvised without notes, scattered with appopriate allusions to fishing, boating and fishers of men.★★★★
ARCHITECTURE: Simple classical rotunda with a dome. An elegant tribute to the medieval church demolished in the last century and to the engineer Thomas Telford, who went on to build the dock.★★★★
MUSIC: Non-existent at our service, although recitals are sometimes held in the chapel.
LITURGY: The chaplain's enthusiasm made up for the limitations of Rite A of the Church of England's Alternative Service Book.★★
AFTER-SERVICE CARE: No church hall makes tea and coffee impossible, but the chaplain gives expert pastoral advice, counselling or entertaining in one of the numerous dockside cafés or restaurants.★★★
★ Stars are awarded up to a maximum of five.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Sacred at the heart of the secular: Canon Peter Delaney in the Coronarium Chapel

The Times/Jameson Whiskey Event

Irish night out

The Times and Jameson Whiskey are offering readers the opportunity to taste and compare Irish whiskeys on February 15 and March 15. The tasting will be followed by a four course dinner with coffee and wine and a Jamesons for just £35 a head at Mulligans restaurant, Cork Street in Mayfair. Mulligans is the only Irish restaurant in Mayfair. John Ryan of Irish Distillers will lead the tutored tasting at 7.30pm and an Irish fiddler will play the occasional jig.

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The sweet treasure of scent

Francesca Greenoak is reminded of how precious the sense of smell can be

JULIAN HERBERT



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Perfumed garden: Allen Coombes (left), the botanist of Hillier arboretum and garden, enjoying the scent of honeysuckle, a lasting pleasure through the generations (right)

Recovering from a miserable month of bronchitis and associated ailments, I find that it was not the coughing and wheezing or the sniffing and sneezing that caused me most misery, but the four days when my sense of smell deserted me completely. I could stick my head into the winter honeysuckle (normally a knock-out at ten paces) and sense nothing. Even repotting the grey-leaved scented geranium (*Pelargonium x fragrans*), which has a spicy pine scent, evoked no response.

I am happy to say that I am now almost back to normal and able to appreciate the peppery sweetness of anniversary freesias from my husband, and the huge bunch of daffodils on the kitchen table. There doesn't seem to be a way of measuring scent as there is vision: there is no such measurement as 20/20 acuity of scent.

Gardeners can easily make up their own seasonal test. Snowdrops, which this year are in bloom more than a month early, have a subtle, evanescent scent, the equivalent of the high notes of a grasshopper warbler or bat to those with failing hearing. The heavyweights at the other end of the scale would be honeysuckle and hyacinth, with winter flowering viburnums somewhere in between.

Sarcococca is another powerfully scented winter-flowering shrub. The small bushy evergreen cultivar known as *Sarcococca hookeriana digyna*, is easily overlooked, but makes its presence felt by the powerful, rich, sweet scent of its tiny, white, pink-flushed flowers. Like winter honeysuckle, it can be raised from cuttings, ideally taken in early summer, but both can be persuaded to root at this time of year. If you are given some sprigs in a bouquet, it is well worth the small effort of trimming the twigs and sticking them into a pot of compost and sharp sand.

A job I enjoy at any time, but am particularly relishing now I am again taking such pleasure in fragrant plants, is trimming and taking cuttings from my scented geraniums. My favourites are the common lemon-scented geranium *Pelargonium graveolens*, which has one of the best citrus scents of any plant and lovely, wavy-edged rich green leaves. Its pale and beautiful cousin, the grey-green and ivory variegated "Lady Plymouth", is also lemony, as is the small-leaved variegated *P. crispum*.

I find the fierce balsam of the sticky, skeletal-leaved "Filicifolium" rather harsh, but the peppermint geranium, with its huge velvety elephants-ear leaves (*P. tormentosum*), is a necessity of life.

Scented geraniums grow quite well from cuttings, even in February. Take the cutting from just above a node (the little knees on the stem) to avoid die-back, then trim to just beneath a node, removing the lower leaves. In winter, I sometimes use a hormone rooting powder, and leave the cuttings uncovered in their pots.

Rooting is indicated by fresh growth. Cuttings taken now will grow rapidly to produce bushy plants and tiny flowers this summer. They will make even more growth planted outside in May but must be brought inside for the winter, for these sweet-scented, warm-weather plants cannot cope with our winter climate.

Smell is a direct sense, the stimulus going straight to the brain from the olfactory nerves. If your receptors are out of order, there can be no interaction: the whole baggage of aromatherapy would be useless to someone in this state.

What has come home to me strongly over the past month is how much I depend on this precarious sense for contact with the world at large and, in particular, how much my garden and its different scents contribute to my happiness.

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Unusual vegetables: okra pods

WEEKEND TIPS

- *Keep overwintering geraniums (pelargoniums) dryish and well ventilated.*
- *Prune apple and pear trees, and remove crossing or dead growth from fruit bushes.*
- *Prepare seedbeds and cover with a floating or standard cloche 2-4 weeks before sowing.*
- *Clean seed trays and pots ready for use.*
- *Sow broad beans in seed trays in the greenhouse in cold areas; in the ground (with cloche) in milder regions.*

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

JANE LAPOTAIRE

Actor



Where would you go?
To Oxfordshire, where I would like to wake up in a thatched cottage to the sound of birdsong. The room would only be big enough for a double bed, and have a weeny window, looking on to the Cotswolds.

How would you get there?
By magic.

Who would be your perfect companion?
My partner, Len.

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you take?
My walking boots, red socks and rucksack.

What medicines would you take?
Before I gave up smoking two months ago, I would have packed painkillers and Tiger Balm for headaches, and an ice-pack to put in the freezer in case my back was bad. However, since I stopped, I've been running, working out and swimming 40 lengths every day and haven't taken a single painkiller. I would take Floris "Roman Hyacinth" burning essence, which I burn while I meditate.

What would you have to eat?
For breakfast, fresh pineapple, mango, guava and Italian espresso. For lunch and dinner, starters of smoked salmon, avocado, prawns or asparagus, then roast chicken or salmon with fresh vegetables, followed by fresh strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and cheese.

What would you have to drink?
A wonderful bottle of Margaux.

What books would you take to read?
All the books I have bought but haven't had a chance to read: *Sacred Country*, by Rose Tremain; *Sin*, by Josephine Hart; *Jesus the Man*, by Barbara Thiering; and *Peace of Mind*, by Dr Ian Gawler.

What music would you listen to?
Chopin, Vivaldi and French medieval music.

What would you watch on television?
The news. Being a barrister, Len has to have his daily dose of doom and gloom.

What luxury would you take?
Bath oil from Casswell & Massey in New York, the most luxurious bath oil in the world.

What piece of art would you like to have there?
Anything by Caravaggio.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
Margaret Thatcher, who represents everything I loathe.

Which newspapers or journals would you read?
Time magazine and *Paris Match*, to brush up my French.

What three things would you leave behind?
The telephone, letters I haven't answered and bills I haven't paid.

What three things would you most like to do?
1. Go for a seven-mile hike before lunch in a pub with a roaring log fire, then read and have a sleep. 2. Go dancing in the evening: Len is a wonderful dancer. 3. On Sunday, I'd like to wake up at home in London because I like to go to the local Russian Orthodox church; the whole service is sung and my week doesn't feel right unless I go to church on Sunday.

Who would you send a postcard to?
My close friends and Glad, my neighbour, who looks after the cat when I am away.

What souvenir would you bring home?
Free-range eggs and homemade marmalade and lemon curd.

What would you like to find when you got home?
That all the bills had been paid, all the mail answered and the house cleaned from top to toe.

Interview by Rosanna Greenstreet

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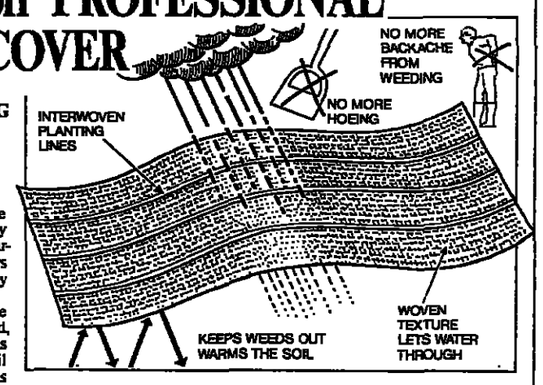
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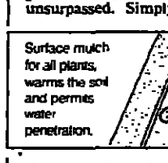
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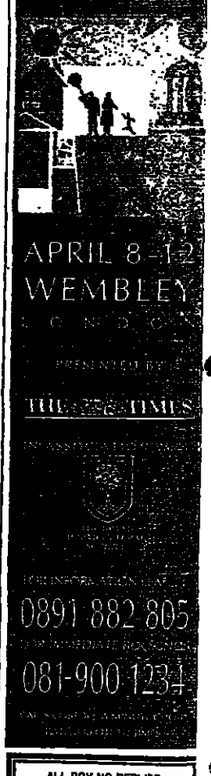
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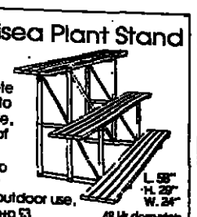
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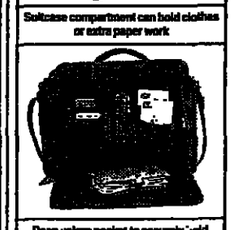
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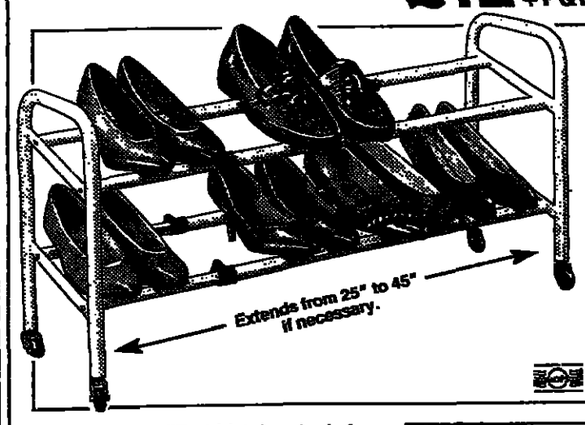
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From Land's End to Perthshire, hoteliers are tempting lovers with Valentine's weekends. Louise Hidalgo samples one

Deep in the forest, romance is stirring

I must come clean straight away. I have never understood the appeal of St Valentine's day. Red roses, a champagne dinner and an evening of the loved one's undivided attention; these things are welcome, on any day other than February 14.

So it was with somewhat reluctant heart that I set off with my partner to Hampshire's New Forest to get a foretaste of a weekend's St Valentine's offering.

The start was inauspicious. The car hiccuped its way through the Friday-night traffic, threatening that every splutter would be its last.

Two hours later we rattled over one of the many cattle grids which guard the perimeter of the forest, and breathed



in the thick peaty night air.

The New Forest is ancient and beautiful. Our destination, the Burley Manor Hotel in the village of the same name, has its fair share of that history.

The site of the hotel dates back to Norman times, when it was the ancestral seat of the de Burley family. In 1388, it was ceded to royal hands after the lord of the manor, Simon de Burley, was charged with treason for crimes unspecified, and beheaded at the Tower of London. Local people claim that the ghost of a horseman, perhaps the bearer of the ill tidings, can still be heard, pounding the drive to the manor.

The existing house dates from 1852, and its Victorian façade looks over rolling farmland, given over to strawberries and maize, down to the village beyond.

Inside, the hotel is a cheerful jumble of styles: log fires burn in the grates, dogs roam freely in the public rooms, and the overall effect is wholesome and welcoming. The wood-panelled dining-room, hung with portraits, where pride of place is given to a magnificent engraved walnut piano, has an air of faded grandeur. A sweeping staircase forms the entrance to a maze of narrow corridors.

RICHARD WAYMAN







Safe haven: a barn owl at the New Forest owl sanctuary (top), within easy reach of the warmth of Burley Manor Hotel

The atmosphere is more cosy and homely than passion-inducingly opulent. Staff are friendly, ready to share a joke but also to keep a discreet distance.

Although late, we were given dinner and drinks before a blazing fire. Later, in good St Valentine's fashion, a bottle of house champagne was brought to us in our room, an attractive modern suite overlooking the hotel gardens. Next morning, breakfast of kedgeree and "forester" sausages — a delicious meaty local blend — was dispatched to our room.

Fortified and pampered, we prepared to explore the tracts of heathland and woodland of the New Forest, in whose preserve the hotel is set. The best way to do so, foresters insist, is on horseback. I had not sat on a horse, let alone persuaded one to move, for years. But, as Burley Manor boasts a riding-stable in its back yard, the challenge could not be refused.

As we set out in a fine drizzle of winter rain, even the most dedicated non-romantic could not fail to be moved by the beauty of the open heathland, blanketed with heather and dotted with ponies roaming free. Autumn leaves thickly carpeted the forest floor, and ancient, spreading oaks, beeches and chestnuts lined the riding trails.

The foresters were right. From the vantage of a horse's back, we could see for miles to the rain-swept horizon. Hidden pools of black water, smelling richly of peat, were neatly sidestepped and unseen bogs avoided, leaving riders free to revel in the tempered wildness of the scenery.

The New Forest was set apart as a royal hunting preserve by William I, following the Norman Conquest. Ancient commoner rights, such as those of marl, estover and turbary — permission to remove clay for manure, firewood and peat — are exercised still, and pigs, deer and grouse wander undisturbed.

Warming brandies followed by a candle-lit dinner awaited us on our return. The menu was an imaginative array of well-prepared, mostly local produce. Later there was dancing to live piano music.

The highlight of the manor's St Valentine offering is the New Forest owl sanctuary. So there we duly headed on Sunday morning, although at first sight the romantic connection seemed based on little more than a weak "wooing" pun.

However, the custom of St Valentine's day most probably has its origins in the heathen belief that birds start mating on February 14, rather than in anything to do with the priest-cum-physician of that name who was martyred in the 3rd century.

As you enter the sanctuary, you can hear owls courting and quarrelling in preparation for spring.

The barn owls, to whose fight for survival the sanctuary is dedicated, are endearing creatures. Although shy, they rise to an audience, swooping and gliding in remarkable aerial movements.

Settling on a trainer's outstretched arm, an owl swivels its white mask-like face; its two large black eyes vanish briefly as the bird blinks, and then reappear to scan the hall for unsuspecting prey.

Visitors are free to wander the maze of aviaries — in converted pigsties — or watch the birds' daily flights in the adjoining fields. The staff, most of them unpaid enthusiasts, are eager to share their knowledge.

Each aviary houses a new delight, from Nero, the golden eagle, one of the last of this endangered species to be taken into captivity, to the BBC peregrine falcon, tame star of many a wildlife documentary.

The sanctuary survives on donations. As guests of Burley Manor, we were given free entry and a £5 "sponsorship", courtesy of the management.

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Caitlin (aged 17) wears velvet patchwork waistcoat from Oxfam, Binn[illegible] knitted blue cardigan from Sense, £2.75; wool mix grey coat from Mi[illegible] Corrine (eight) wears black cotton shorts, 90p, and red blue and yellow blind), £1; blue anorak with fur-trimmed hood from Oxfam, £[illegible]

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● For the more indulgent, the Gleneagles Hotel (0764 662231) in Perthshire, Scotland, offers a "night of romance" with a limousine, bearing flowers and champagne, to ferry couples from the airport; silken nightwear and a dozen oysters, courtesy of the management, in every room; dinner by candlelight and a drive by horse-drawn carriage through the hotel's 830-acre estate. From £550 to £770 for two per night.

● Stapleford Park Country House Hotel, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire (057284 522), set in 500 acres of parkland, provides a more active weekend, with riding, hunting and clay-pigeon shooting, and five-course Valentine's dinner menu. A room costs £75 for two on Sunday night, dinner £35 a head.

● The Hotel Norwich (0603 787260) is offering "romance, Norfolk-style". For £99 per person, couples can enjoy three nights of St Valentine's trappings with a quirky plus: an early-morning sonnet service, a rowing boat on the Norfolk Broads with wind-up gramophone, or for the more adventurous, a ride through the Norfolk fields on a combine-harvester.

● For those seeking a St Valentine's antidote, Fairfield Manor Hotel in York (0904 670222) is offering a two-night "unromantic break". Beds 5ft apart, a four-pack of lager and two bottles of brown ale, cassettes of snoring and "other assorted night-time grunts" and a pair of woolly bed-socks. From £120 per person.

● If you want total escape from the world, the castles, cottages and historic curiosities managed by the Landmark Trust (0628 825925) offer a self-contained St Valentine's with a difference. Some of the charity's properties available next weekend include a clock tower on the edge of the beach at Lympstone, Devon (sleeps two, £138); Kingswear Castle overlooking the cliffs near Dartmouth, Devon (sleeps six, £465); an old chapel in Glasbury-on-Wye, in Powys, Wales (sleeps four, £234); or cottages on the Mull of Kintyre, Argyll (sleep four or six, £231 or £243).

Every day several thousand Scots sniff the early morning air and pray for the coldest, hardest and longest winter the Almighty and Michael Fish can provide. While others dream of holes-in-one or summer centuries on the village green, curlers dream of snow-dusted ponds and lochans frozen to glassy grey perfection beneath the bluest sky this side of heaven.

As it happens, all curling in Britain, even in Scotland, takes place indoors on ice rinks these days, for the very good reason that nothing now appears to freeze over the way it used to. It is 12 years since the Royal Caledonian Curling Club (150 years Royal this year) was able to summon Scotland's curlers to The Grand Match, the ultimate curling experience attended by clubs from Wick to Wigtown, which is only ever played out of doors.

Nonetheless, the draw of teams is made each June, just in case, and a watch kept on five lochs capable of carrying several hundred curlers for the greatest match, or bonspiel (meaning "good game": 16th-century low German), of all.

"Ah, yes, 1979," murmurs the Earl of Elgin, rummaging about for the Bruce family curling pedigree in his basement office at Broomhall, overlooking the Firth of Forth. "1979, *annus mirabilis*," and his eyes glaze over.

The Broomhall Curling Club, of which he and generations of Bruces have been presidents, has its own pond, its own lighting for playing after dark on short winter days and its own selection of curling stones. Once every estate and parish in Scotland boasted a curling pond. But unless it freezes hard for ten days, Broomhall must, like everyone else, "take ice" indoors.

"If you look at the old records," Lord Elgin says, "it is fascinating how similar club membership always was: the landowner who had the land for the pond, then the ministers and schoolmasters and doctors and so on.

"There was great rivalry between estates and parishes

STEPHEN MARKSON



Clean sweep: action at the Perth curling championships

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WHAT TO WEAR

Grunge on a shoestring

Caitlin Moran knows a charity shop fashion bargain when she and her siblings (below) see one — even if it ends up as a table cloth

People are always coming up to me and howling: "Good *grief*, Caitlin-girl, what *are* you wearing? How amazingly fashionable you are. That's grunge style, isn't it?" And I always reply: "NO, it is not. I'm not bound by the superficial rules of convention and trend — if the world decides grunge is fashionable, ergo, I will not be grunge. What I am wearing is an entirely new branch of couture. It's cheap, it's cheap, and it's cheap. It's called a BARGAIN."

Because I know a bargain when I see one. Some people have a psychic third eye, which they use to spot potentially fragmentary 747s their beloved should not board, or horses that, by dint of not falling over, are likely to cross the winning line first. I employ my not inconsiderable psychic abilities in trying to find my heart's desire — the elusive groovy black jumper that doesn't smell of cheese — or seeking out cute suede dresses with zips that work. The only guideline in my quest for a BARGAIN is that nothing should cost over £10. Yes, I hunt clothes in charity shops, where the smell of the jumper is more important than the shape or the colour.

Take dressing-gowns, for instance. Ah me, dressing-gowns. I'd seen Katharine Hepburn waltzing around various deliriously stylish films in her pyjamas and dressing-gown. Specifically, a tartan dressing-gown with a tasselled cord and three chunky little pockets. I wanted one.

This should be no problem, I thought, as every charity shop has at least three such dressing-gowns, smelling as if the previous owners had died wearing them. (And, almost inevitably, these dressing-gowns come with a rigid ball of used tissue-paper in the pockets. One very special day, I came across a pocket with a cough sweet in it, which had been half-sucked, and then put to rest among all the many drifts of dust and fluff therein. But I don't expect anything that exciting to happen again.)



But still I keep trailing bargains. Shoes. Shoes are expensive, I reasoned. Why not buy them second-hand? A good sturdy pair of walking boots, fashionably seasoned by someone else's foot, would look great and be dead cheap.

I hied myself into town, and through long, slow, boring experience discovered Shoe Truth: basically, the kind of person who is going to make a trip into town lugging a suitcase full of manky old shoes to the Spastics Society shop does also tend to be, unfortunately, the kind of person who nurtures bunions on every conceivable part of the body. Between the toes, on the heel, on the soles of the feet . . . everywhere.

This makes their shoes so warped and unwearable that only those with detachable toes and arches like hump-back bridges are likely to feel comfortable in them. Second-hand shoes are the epitome of the anti-bargain.

Still, I'm a fool to myself. Rainy Wednesdays lead me to the back of the shops, to the shelves with yards and yards of uncut cloth heaped up in bundles for 50p a go.

"Hmmm," I think, fingering a pile expertly. "Hmmm, this material would make a *jolly lovely dress*. All it needs is a woman's touch. And some needles, cotton, big scissors, those pins with the big glass heads on, a thimble, a sewing machine that'll fit through the door of my bedroom *plus* a manual in one of the many languages I know — ie, English or Cantonese in those parts of Canton where they speak English — and some pictures of what the Princess of Wales was wearing last week. It'll take next to no time and I bet I'll look lovely."

Uh, no. What actually happens is a) the material is bought; b) it sits under the stairs for three months; c) it becomes an attractive table cloth.

And of course, you tend to get terribly possessive of your favourite charity shop. A tweedy lady in a suit comes in and I think: "Well, *she* doesn't look poor enough to come here. Quick, hide all the jumpers before she gets to them." If there's anyone looking through the smelly tartan dressing gowns at the back of the shop, I still get an irrational pang of jealousy, like watching an ex-boyfriend you can't stand talking to another girl. And I once broke down in tears when someone swiped a red velvet jacket from under my very fingers.

However, I consoled myself with the thought that that kind of grasping, petty-mindedness will undoubtedly lead to a painful, early death for the person concerned, and so comforted, I blew my nose on a pile of net curtains and carried on looking for the ultimate groovy black jumper, which will, I hope, *not smell of cheese*.





LEFT

John (aged 11) wears blue and black checked shirt from Oxfam, £1.25; jeans from Sense, £2; corduroy waistcoat (with embellishments sewn on back by Mum) from Spastics Society, £4; cotton zip-front jacket with elasticated waist from Sense, £5; LA Gear trainers, secondhand, £1 from a jumble sale at St Bartholomew's church, Wolverhampton.

RIGHT

Claire (12) wears pink and blue headscarf with gold threading, 10p, and white plastic beaded necklace worn as bracelet, 20p, both from St Bartholomew's jumble sale; blue brushed cotton dress from Oxfam, £6; red knitted wool waistcoat from Spastics Society, £3.50; secondhand BhS black wool coat from Oxfam, £3.50; black suede lace-ups with blue laces from Bacons Shoes, £4.99.

For further information on your nearest branch call Oxfam (0865 311311), Sense (071-278 1009), Spastics Society (071-636 5020), Bacons Shoes (0773 540505), Miss Selfridge (071-636 8040), Top Shop (081-202 1141).

gham. £7; cotton/wool grey dress from Top Shop at Oxford Circus, £30.86 in the sale; knee-length elfridge, Oxford Street, £30 approximately; brown leather shoes by Mephisto from Oxfam, £4.50. nion top, £1.25, both from Oxfam; knitted grey waistcoat from Sense (charity shop for the deaf and len th..s, 20p, and Birthday shoes in black leather, £1, both from St Bartholomew's jumble sale.

SPORTING LIFE

Longing for the big freeze on the sheets

Alastair Robertson on the wonders of curling, 'The Roarin' Game'

as there is now between clubs."

Today, clubs tend to draw their membership from among urban professionals of all ages rather than estate tenantry and peasantry. The Welsh, for instance, are organising curling for schools.

Ron Thornton from Preston, Lancashire, secretary of the English Curling Association, has at least two calls a week from people interested in taking up the game.

"Most of them are from the south of England," Mr Thornton says, although the north of England, with its proximity to Scotland, the birthplace of curling, is perhaps more naturally curling-minded than the south.

There are 650 curling clubs in Scotland, 14 clubs in England, and one in Wales encompassing six clubs. Needless to say, clubs south of the border tend to draw their members from among exiled or second generation Scots, although Scottishness is by no means an essential requirement.

The game, for it is a game rather than a sport, is described as "lawn bowls on ice", but there are crucial differences. The game is played in winter rather than summer, even indoors; getting a curling stone to the right spot depends not on one player but four, two of whom are armed with brooms; and, unlike bowlers, curlers do not wear Sainsbury meat counter trilbies.

The average age on the English ladies' rink, or team, is 25, and 28 to 30 for the men.

The aim of the game is to slide a circular granite stone by its handle along the ice into an area known as the house, and as close to the tee or centre as possible. The house is simply a ringed target marked out at either end of the 46yd by 14ft "sheet", as the pitch is called.

There are four members to a rink (or team), and each member throws two stones. The Royal Caledonian Curling Club, from which all wisdom flows, decrees helpfully that "no stone shall have a greater weight than 44lb or a greater circumference than 36in or of less height than one-eighth part of its circumference".

New stones cost about £250 from the only manufacturer left in the world, Kays Bonspiel of Mauchline in Strathclyde. Granite from Ailsa Craig, a guano-laden rock in the Clyde estuary, is still the most highly prized material for a curling stone.

Families such as the Elgins give sons a pair of curling stones for their twenty-first birthday. The rest hope to be left a couple, or find a pair holding open a coalshed door, or for sale in the local newspaper. But clubs normally have a supply of their own.

The eccentric part of the game is that while one person throws a stone, two other players on the same team precede its passage with brooms, brushing the ice frantically to influence its speed and direction towards the house. Knocking your own or opponents' stones out of the way, or even into the way, is a tactical skill.

In theory, sweeping reduces atmospheric pressure in front of a stone and lubricates the leading edge by melting the ice through friction. How hard to brush and in which direction is dictated by a fourth rink member, standing behind the house and shouting instructions. Tactics are dictated by the captain, known as the Skip, whose ability to "read the ice" is critical.

Once both rinks have played in one direction, known as "an end", everyone turns round and plays back again. There are ten ends to a game. Like golf, it is a lot harder than it looks.

The "Roarin' Game", as it is known from the noise a stone makes on ice, was certainly played in Scotland in the 16th century and exported to Canada in the 18th, supposedly by Highlanders playing with melted down cannonballs on the St Lawrence river after the siege of Quebec.

The Canadians went on to beat the Scots at their own game and raised international competition to Olympic level. Scandinavians and most Alpine countries play. The Russians and Czechs are up and coming. The Japanese boast 13 clubs.

Non-skiing Brits play at St Moritz. But the English have rather a rough time of it at home because ice-rink managers like to see hundreds of skaters on their ice, not dozens of curlers. "We used to have to curl at midnight at Streatham," says Mary Stewart, former president of the London area.

Now comfortably established at Alexandra Palace in north London, and with growing membership, including an 11-year-old, London area clubs hold open evenings on a Friday and boast two Royal Caledonian coaches.

Curling dinners, at which a toast is always drunk to Jack Frost, are notoriously sociable events and part of the game. "I have actually heard of clubs which have only ever held dinners," Lord Elgin says.

Facts for curlers

- **Scotland:** Local ice rinks will have dates of games and competitions and club details, but the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, at 2 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7AN (031-225 7083), knows everything.
- **England:** Ron Thornton, secretary, English Curling Association, 66 Preston Old Road, Freckleton, Preston, Lancashire PR4 1PD (0772 634154).
- **Wales:** Ann Meikle, 27 Holm Lane, Birkenhead, Merseyside L43 2HN (051-608 3691).
- **Clothing:** Outdoors, wear a lot. But inside or out, loose-fitting trousers make life a lot easier. Trainers are ideal for indoor curling.
- **Equipment:** There is no point in buying anything at first. New stones are expensive, and most clubs have their own.



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Pictures in a child's eye

Jane Bidder exposes her family to the probing lens of her young son as he learns the art of photography

A camera? Nine-year-old William couldn't believe his luck. Here was *carte blanche* to fiddle with an Opus Prime camera as bona fide research for a feature on helping Junior take his first pictures. After years of ogling Dad's camcorder and Mum's Olympus Trip, it was a dream come true.

Unfortunately, that dream (or rather the camera) almost shattered within the first minute, when, in his urge to snap the baby before he ran off, William nearly dropped the camera on the patio. Rule number one: always slip the camera's wrist strap round the child's hand, or choose a design with a neck strap (taking care to be close by, to avoid accidents).

Next stop was the village pond, where William rightly guessed that, bribed with sufficient Mother's Pride, the ducks would be willing photographic subjects. His sister Lucy was hauled along to throw the bread. But it wasn't easy.

"Blast, I've forgotten to wind on," William exclaimed, as he pressed the button in front of posing ducks and sibling, only to find it wouldn't go down. Rule number two: wind on the film before you arrange your subject. And watch those tiny fingers don't block up the lens so that you end up with a perfect thumb print and an imperfect picture.

The Opus Prime was an ideal choice of camera for a child because it has automatic focus, a simple lever to operate the lens cover when not in use, and a similar lever for turning on the flash. Before discovering the latter, William took a stunningly surrealistic shot of Trevor McDonald reading the news on television. The drawing room came out black, leaving a bright neon oblong in the middle of the photograph showing Mr McDonald looking slightly shifty.

By now, William was really getting the hang of it. "Over there," he instructed Lucy and the baby firmly, as he gesticulated towards a small statuette in the garden. The result: one pink-faced six-year-old (the baby had scarpered again) almost hidden in the background. Rule number three: don't stand too far away from your subject and try not to have the sun behind it.



Light touch: William Bidder's picture of Lucy at the pond

Adult guidance is also crucial — not just to save the camera but also the photographee. "Can't you climb any higher?" demanded William, as Lucy valiantly climbed the apple tree for the sake of art.

Both William and I ducked out of removing the film from the camera and chose to let the camera shop do it for us. In fact, a child could have done it, since all you had to do was rewind a small spool.

By the time the prints were ready 24 hours later, William couldn't wait to see the results of his handiwork. "Not bad," he muttered, "but I should have got closer."

The second attempt — one wet, windy Sunday — was an improvement, although pictures were confined to indoors. "It works best when I take people doing ordinary things," William declared, as he focused on the baby eating lunch. "Think I'll take this one sideways on," he pondered, catching his sister at piano practice. In fact, it was difficult to relax, knowing that one's most secret moments might be captured on film. "Got you!" yelled William triumphantly, as he snapped his father slumped in the kitchen rocking chair with the newspaper.

The results are now pinned to William's bedroom noticeboard, although I've also bought him an album as he's definitely caught the bug. "It's like drawing a picture but quicker," he concluded. "And you can make people do funny things in funny positions." David Bailey, take note.

● *Opus Prime, £17.99 from Supasnaps. Other models suitable for beginners: Miranda Solo, with built-in flash and automatic focus, £14.99 at Dixons. Chinon Auto GL, fully automatic, £59.99 at Dixons. Mini Compact with automatic focus, wind on and flash, £54.99 from Supasnaps.*

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Higher, please: Lucy Bidder risks life and limb up the apple tree in the interests of William's art

Snap to it

● **Costs:** Photography can become an expensive hobby, as I discovered when each set of prints cost £4.99 to develop. This — plus £3.99 for the film — is too much to come out of pocket money but too expensive to cough up every week. A possible answer is to limit the child to one roll of film a month, and then to subsidise the cost with the rest coming out of pocket money. Alternatively, dispatch your offspring to one of the photography workshops listed below to learn how to develop film themselves. It is also worth shopping around for cheap film — some high-street shops are now as cheap as their mail-order rivals. Look for special offers: Klick Photopoint, for example, charges £2.39 for 24 prints, and when you buy a film, will give you another free.

● **Age:** Don't give a camera to a child under seven. He or she will be too young to cope.

● **Film:** Use a fast film (eg 400 ASA). This uses a fast shutter speed so the child does not need a steady hand. A fast film is also good in dull weather.

● **Subjects:** Start off with family pictures: people, the house, pets, car, etc. It will mean more to the photographer. Then progress to topics, such as a day in the life of a relative.

● **Photographic courses for children:** The Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain (The Octagon, Milson Street, Bath BA1 1DN) runs various workshops round the country. Examples include the two-day "Children's introduction to black-and-white photography and printing" in Bath, February 17-18. The course covers location work and developing techniques. Open to 11 to 16-year-olds, £22 for two. For details of other courses, write to the society.

Photofusion (17a Electric Lane, Brixton, London SW9 8LA) is a photographic centre that runs holiday courses for children (£2 for a one-day session). One to five-year-olds and upwards.

Would-be professionals with rich parents might consider the Photographic Training Academy (410 Coldharbour Lane, London SW9 8LF), where a prestigious six-week course (for eight-year-olds up to adults) costs £2,500.

Disabled teenagers aged 16 and over might relish a four-day residential course for £15 at the Cheltenham National Star Centre (Stars of the Future Administration, Ullenwood, Cheltenham GL53 9QU) from April 19-22. Cameras are specially adapted with trigger shutters (fired like pistols) and tripods attached to wheelchairs.

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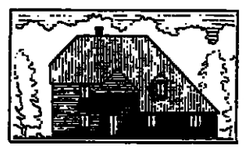
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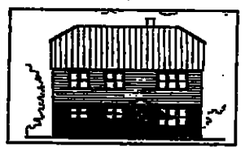
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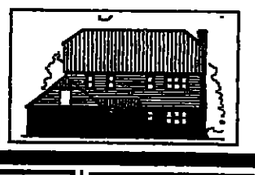


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Inheritance tax is forcing the sale of one of London's most important studio houses and its contents, **Rachel Kelly** reports

Time runs out in Tite Street

The price of preserving historic houses for the nation is eternal vigilance and an ear to estate agents' gossip. Without a smidgen of publicity, one of London's most remarkable studio houses has slipped on to the market.

The substantial studio house was built in 1881 for the artist John Collier, when Tite Street was the centre of Bohemian Chelsea and home to Oscar Wilde and James McNeill Whistler. The newly wealthy sons and daughters of the industrial revolution took advantage of the building of the embankment and the creation of a new road, Tite Street, to build their temples to art.



Threatened: Chelsea studio

Number 52 Tite Street, Chelsea, is arguably the most perfectly preserved remaining example. Untouched for more than a century, its contents are intact. This Grade II listed building is described by English Heritage as of "substantial importance to the history of London". The National Trust, the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, the Victorian Society and the Chelsea Society all wish the house to be preserved with its contents.

Yet the most likely fate of the rambling, red-brick house is to be modernised, chopped up, and sold off in bits, its contents dispersed. Like its neighbours, it is likely to become studio apartments instead of an artist's studio. A low-key marketing campaign through the agents W.A. Ellis and Russell Simpson has just begun. Interested private buyers with more than £1 million to spare are being contacted and ushered round. Time is running out for 52 Tite Street.

The executors of the estate of the late Felix Hope-Nicholson, who lived in the house for more than 60 years, failed to persuade English Heritage, which turned it down for conditional exemption from inheritance tax, whereby the Inland Revenue postpones indefinitely the tax of 40 per cent of the value of the estate because of its historical interest to the nation, on condition that it is opened to the public. Although of significance to the capital's history, it was not deemed to be of national importance.

The executors therefore have no option but to pay the tax now due by selling up, there being no other source of funds. Stephen Cooke, a solicitor acting on behalf of the executors, says: "We made valiant attempts to keep the house together, but there's nothing more we can do. We would rather not sell, but we have to pay the tax."

Conservationists point out that the only real certainty that the house will be unspoilt is if a private benefactor were to provide at least £1.5 million to set up a charitable trust to preserve the house and its contents intact.

It could become a cultural centre for Chelsea. Sufficent income could be generated to pay day-to-day expenses, but an endowment would be needed for repairs and maintenance. A trust would not preclude the benefactor's residence.

The prospect of a benefactor must seem unlikely, but part of the problem is the discretion surrounding the sale. How can a benefactor step forward if nobody knows of the architectural and historic riches at stake, nor that their future is threatened?

Mr Cooke says the sale has been kept discreet because "one doesn't like doing deals in the public eye. It might prejudice the sale." But he says there has been no attempt by the executors to hush up the sale and avoid the likelihood of a benefactor stepping forward. Rather, the estate agents felt that the most effective campaign would be low-key. Conservationists, such as the Chelsea Society, have been kept in touch about the sale, Mr Cooke adds.

Highlighting the house's treasures and its sale seems the best chance of wooing a benefactor.

Home to the Hope family for just over 100 years, the house is stuffed with the possessions of a typical well-to-do artistic family, chiefly collected by Mr Hope-Nicholson, described in his *Times* obituary as a "host and genealogist".

The house was his passion. Bought by his grandparents, Adrian Hope and Laura Troubridge, in 1892, it inspired an extraordinary devotion in their descendants.

Built in the Queen Anne style, the mysterious and labyrinthine house has five floors and dusty passages. Mr Hope-Nicholson never stopped adding to the house's collection of family portraits. "Hope time" was kept by two clocks surmounted by the Hope crest with the motto "But hope is not lost" in the studio and the kitchen.

Latterly, the house has been discovered as a film and television location. Producers realised that its atsmosphere and bloom is one that no set designer could fake. Several scenes for the BBC's drama *Portrait of a Marriage* were set there, as well as *Old Flames*, Simon Gray's television play.

Mr Hope-Nicholson managed to preserve the house by filling its 13 bedrooms with lodgers. In later years, it was easier to get a room if one of your parents had been what he described as a "member". Among the more colourful characters who have passed through the house are Sir Clement Freud, Antony Lambton, Peter Quennell, and a certain Miss Huntley, who apparently had a mania for mending household linen.

Mr Hope-Nicholson hoped that the house would be preserved as a permanent museum and hoped that the Chelsea Society would run it. Conservationists have added their pleas. Surely now it is time for the huge circle of friends and lodgers who knew Mr Hope-Nicolson, and the public who could yet discover him and a slice of 20th-century history, to add their voices to the campaign?

● *Interested readers should contact the Chelsea Society, 51 Millmans Street, London SW10 ODA, which is leading the campaign to save 52 Tite Street.*

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Undisturbed: the remarkable interiors and contents of 52 Tite Street include the dining room (above), the studio window (below left) and the kitchen (below right)



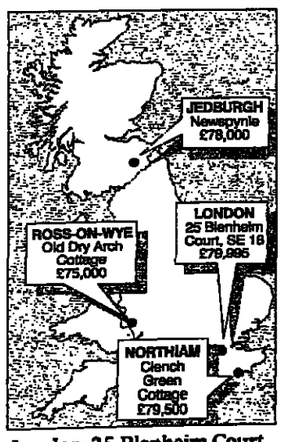


Cheryl Taylor finds four comfortable homes at modest prices

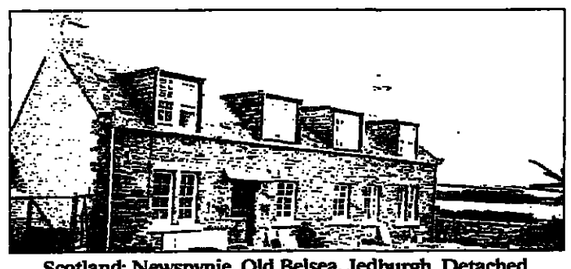
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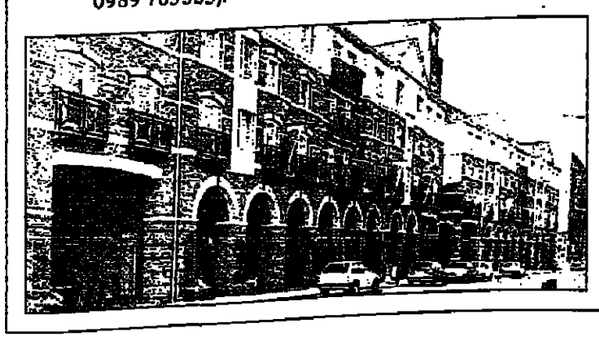
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On a wild and rocky shore

The newly renovated stone-built cottage pictured below, in the village of Tremaillet, a few miles from the riverside town of Josselin in southern Brittany, is for sale at FFr350,000 (about £43,500) excluding agency and notary fees *(Cheryl Taylor writes)*. The nearest ferry port is St Malo, about two hours' drive away.

The property has been modernised by its English owners, with *a new roof, doors and windows*, wiring, plumbing and a septic tank. It has four large bedrooms, shower-room, lounge with open fireplace, and fitted kitchen/dining area. It also has a walled garden with a lawn. The UK agent is Cottage Industry, 16 Queen Square, North Curry, Taunton TA3 6JS (0823 490354).

Alternatively, you can buy a pretty little house in a peaceful hamlet, near the town of Le Faouët, about 40 minutes' drive from the beaches on the Gulf of Morbihan. The price is FFr279,000, including agency and notary fees.

It has two rooms on the ground floor, shower-room and lavatory, and an attic which could be converted to provide additional accommodation. The price includes 4½ acres of garden, woodland and orchard. The UK agent is Normandy & Brittany Cottages, 62 Chesson Road, London W14 (071-381 4433).

Brittany's southern coast includes wild and rocky headlands, interspersed with crescents of soft white sand, and the beautiful island-studded Gulf of Morbihan, a popular area for sailing and cruising.

Lorient is one of Brittany's biggest cities, with a huge natural harbour; Vannes, at the northern

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end of the great Gulf of Morbihan, has one of the loveliest medieval town centres, with a channel leading in from the sea.

Auray is a quaint old Breton port on the banks of the river Loc; a short distance inland is Ste Anne d'Auray, a pilgrim centre, where the largest of the Breton "*pardons*" takes place on July 25. Nearby is Europe's most famous prehistoric site, the alignments at Carnac — lines of 2,000 stones stretching for nearly a mile. Then there are the islands of Belle Ile, Houat and Hoëdic to explore.

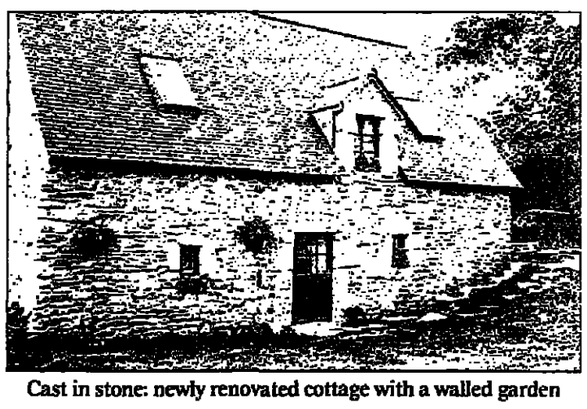
Some of the best property buys are to be found inland, where the Nantes-Brest canal meanders through picturesque riverside towns such as Malestroit, Pontivy and Josselin, a pretty little town, its fairy-tale castle mirrored in the waters of the river Oust.

The smallest of these, a run-down stone cottage, close to Malestroit, with four rooms and a hayloft, is for sale at FFr100,000. Expect to pay at least FFr250,000 *for anything that is habitable*: restored properties, with a modern kitchen and bath, start at FFr300,000.

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Cast in stone: newly renovated cottage with a walled garden

Jagger still fab, Macca just drab

Which has lasted better, the old Beatle or the old Stone?

David Sinclair updates the great debate of the 1960s

ROCK RECORDS

Back in the 1970s, there were several pictorial attempts to predict what **Mick Jagger** would look like in middle-age. There was the one that showed him as a rather camp, jowly character with a receding hairline and a cigarette holder. Another gave him a substantial paunch. None came close to the reality of the thin, hard, 49-year-old man pictured on the cover of Jagger's third solo album, *Wandering Spirit* (Atlantic 7567-82436).

Unlike most of his peers, Jagger has refused to let himself go. The torso is no thicker than the one that was jammed into those provocatively zipped jeans on *Sticky Fingers*: the stare is still as faintly threatening as it was on the cover of *Black and Blue*: the full head of hair an improbably richer colour than ever.

Having wrestled such concessions from the ravages of time, Jagger is not about to start acknowledging, let alone accepting, the fact of his advancing years on this album. The opening track, "Wired All Night", a storming, son-of-"Route 66" rocker, finds him still in hormonal overdrive. "I'm as hard as a brick, hope I never go limp," he yelps with practised conviction, before sliding into his Curtis Mayfield-derived falsetto for the salacious funk of the current single "Sweet Thing".

It is a great start to an album which reaffirms Jagger's supreme vitality as a performer, but also begs the question of just what he is trying to say these days. "Life is rich, but *it's way too short / You make a lot* of money but you just want more," from "Don't Tear Me Up", is probably the closest that he will ever get to baring his soul. But such insights as he does bring to his lyrics tend to be either tinged with supercilious irony or else carefully distanced from his own reality: "Gimme some money baby, I'm broke," he bawls implausibly on "Put Me In The Trash".

> It is far too easy to take the amazing instrument that is Jagger's voice for granted

The bold pragmatism of Jagger's nature is both his greatest strength and his ultimate weakness. His unwillingness to indulge in debilitating bouts of self-analysis has enabled him to avoid the fate of, say, Pete Townshend, but his teenager-going-on-50 attitude has put the emotional resonances which other "mature" singers such as Van Morrison and (sometimes) Bruce Springsteen can convey beyond his reach.

Even so, it is far too easy to take *the amazing instrument that is* Jagger's voice for granted. His high, harsh tone and his outlandishly slack verbal mannerisms have been imitated time without number yet still remain utterly distinctive. Only once on this album does he let himself down, with a ridiculous stab at a traditional air called "Handsome Molly", on which he adopts an olde English sea dog brogue with results that are about as convincing as his Irish-Australian accent in the film *Ned Kelly*.

But he rips through the rest of the numbers with sure-footed vigour and no little wit. From the alert gospel uplift of "Out Of Focus" to the souped-up rockabilly of the title track and the gloriously danceable riff of "Put Me In The Trash" he maintains a firm grip on the job in hand, and has fun with it, too.

The roll call of musicians is a canny mixture of the hip and the hungry, and includes contributions from Lenny Kravitz, Courtney Pine and Doug Wimbish and a bravura performance throughout by a drummer named Curt Bisquera.

A couple of neatly observed cover versions — Bill Withers's "Use Me" and Frederick Knight's naggingly familiar soul obscurity "I've Been Lonely For So Long" — put the icing on a tasty cake.

Whatever doubts one might harbour about the relevance of a Mick Jagger album in 1993, they pale into insignificance when considered in relation to *Off The Ground*, (Parlophone 7 80362), the woeful new offering from **Paul McCartney**. Like Jagger, McCartney has stayed lean and kept his nose reasonably clean. But as a songwriter he is now palpably into his dotage and the music on this album has as much bite as an old woolly jumper.





The gods grown older: Mick Jagger and Paul McCartney are still rocking, but Jagger does it on record, while McCartney settles for a chair

Never one of rock's deeper thinkers, McCartney nevertheless reaches new extremes of cheery banality on songs like "Peace In The Neighbourhood", "C'mon, People" and the dismal "Hope Of Deliverance". The idea seems to be that if we all hold hands and think nice thoughts then, basically, everything will be OK. In a slightly tougher vein, "Looking For Changes" is a mild rant about using animals for medical research, but, even at his most fired up, McCartney does no more than strike a note of pious indignation.

The album is no less trite in terms of its music. Recorded live in the studio, McCartney and his band make a polite guitar and keyboard-led sound that lacks even a modicum of punch. Rock 'n' roll for the grandparental generation.

In all likelihood, sales in this country of *Jam* (Polydor 517 676), the new album by **Little Angels** which debuted at number one this week, have already surpassed Jagger's or McCartney's uppermost expectations. *Jam* is the fourth album by the quintet from Scarborough, who have been touring and recording relentlessly for seven years, yet still give the impression of having risen without trace.

With songs like "Too Much Too Young" and "Eyes Wide Open" they follow in the footsteps of their fellow northerners, Def Leppard, peddling a carefully crafted amalgam of soft metal and pop. But occasionally, on songs such as "Soapbox" and "The Colour Of Love", they strap on the acoustic guitars and drift into the sort of tough-guys-can-be-sensitive-too mode that is the calling card of Extreme or even Del Amitri. Their biggest mistake is a horribly stilted cover of the Kinks song "Tired Of Waiting For You".

Women on the edge of a break

JAZZ RECORDS

Where would the blues be without that age-old theme, the battle of the sexes? The don't-mess-with-me spirit of Bessie Smith is given a modern gloss by Saffire — The Uppity Blues Women, a breezy double-act consisting of pianist Ann Rabson and guitarist Gaye Adegbalola.

One of the newer arrivals on the American blues circuit, the duo address traditional subject matter with a welcome dash of humour.

Their third outing, *Broadcasting* (Alligator ALCD-4811), blends juke-box blues with country folk and wry feminist observations which stop well short of hectoring any male who wanders within earshot.

Although the session was recorded in Chicago, the airy production values and pert delivery put you less in mind of smoky dives on the South Side than an afternoon set in a lakeside restaurant.

Cover versions of "One Hour Mama" and "Dump That Chump" exemplify the duo's sassy approach to sexual relations. I suspect that the partnership makes even more of an impact in concert, but nonetheless this set conveys enough of a flavour to whet the appetite for more.

There is encouragement, too, for anyone wistfully pondering a mid-life change of career — Rabson was a computer analyst and Adegbalola a teacher before they decided to pool their money and make a demo tape.

Those ingenious people at Blue Note have devised yet more excuses for raiding the back catalogue. *Afro Blue*, *Blue Valentines* and *Blue 'n' Groovy* are among a new batch of compilations designed to cater to all moods and tastes.

The collection which might have been expected to yield the best results, the gospel-inclined *The Blue Testament* (BNZ-301) starts confidently with pianist Benny Green's explosive rendering of "Down By The Riverside" before petering out in a fairly routine bout of hard bop heaving and grunting.

Better by far is *California Cool* (BNZ-303), a generous 21-track rough guide to the fabled West Coast sound. Some examples of high camp, naturally, of which Gloria Woods's come-hither tones on "Hey Bellboy" easily take first prize.

Although some of the other pieces have only a tangential connection with the West Coast school, they are easily outweighed by carefully wrought work by such figures as Lee Konitz, Gerry Mulligan and a typically understated Jimmy Giuffre.

CLIVE DAVIS

GALLERIES: **Andrew Gibbon Williams** on a colourful show by a daring and original artist

Not just a pretty face

Anyone likely to be prejudiced by an artist's lifestyle should avoid the Niki de Saint Phalle catalogue. By way of introducing the many reproductions of her work it provides numerous revealing glimpses into her background: Niki the debutante on the cover of *Life* magazine; Niki modelling a tiara and earrings by Cartier; Niki swinging along with the jet-set in the 1960s.

Of course, an artist's roots and the society which he or she frequents should have no bearing on judgments of their work, and, as well as being well-connected and beautiful, Saint Phalle is also blessed with an original talent. Biographical details (expelled from convent school, eloped, aged 19, with a marine) suggest a rebellious spirit.

Yet, if this has made life difficult for her at times, it also seems to have enhanced her art. In *Portrait of My Lover*, made in 1961, the public was invited to hurl darts at a target representing the head. Saint Phalle herself having wreaked private revenge on the crushed shirt by splattering it à la Jackson Pollock.

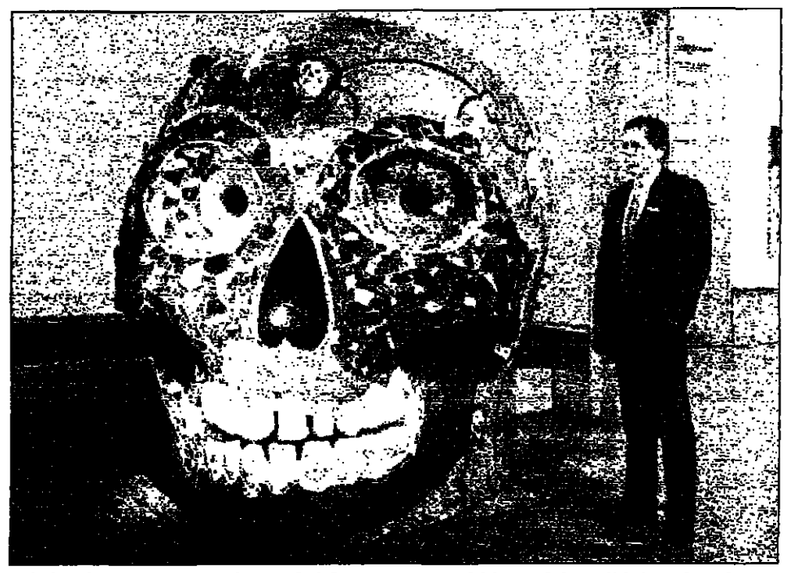
Such works indicate an aggressive streak in Saint Phalle, so it comes as no surprise to find that, having completed numerous *assemblages* comprising an array of lethal weaponry from revolvers to razor blades, she progressed in the early 1960s to a peculiarly violent brand of performance art.

The art history of the 1960s is, of course, peppered with all kinds of bizarre and violent art "events". Nevertheless, there cannot have been many as self-consciously provocative as the creation of Saint Phalle's "shooting paintings". Thirty years on, these have taken on a benign appearance, and one has to refer to photographs of their "execution" to appreciate their power. In these already faded images Saint Phalle and her accomplices fire rifles at the white plaster surfaces, releasing pockets of paint embedded in them.

The paintings now possess little more than nostalgia value, inextricably linked as they are with the highly politicised Parisian milieu Saint Phalle inhabited in the years prior to 1968. From the point of view of personal artistic development, however, they certainly emboldened her; by the mid-1960s the work she was engaged in — a series of crude forms encrusted with a multitude of plastic toys — was as radical in terms of static sculpture as her performances.

Then, in the late 1960s, Saint Phalle began producing the great, pneumatic, multi-coloured "Nanas", as she christened them. The earliest of these — the handbag-carrying *Black Rosy* for example — now look rather twee in comparison with the sculpturally more satisfying later pieces. There is little in them of the jazzy inventiveness which helps to make a work such as the monumental *Gwendolyn* so lovable. In *Gwendolyn*, an immense psychedelic figure, Saint Phalle has created an unforgettable symbol of female fertility: a Willendorf Venus for the late 20th century.

Considering the international success sculptures in this vein achieved for Saint Phalle it would not have been surprising had she capitalised on their popularity. As the works produced since 1980 testify, however, this is far from the case. True, sculptures like the deliciously amusing *Adam et Eve*, not to mention the cheeky Nana fountain, are sophisticated developments of the Nana theme; but the tribe of "skinnies" (fragile-looking, painted polyester outline figures) and a number of bronze interpretations of Egyptian deities possess a hieratic quality new in Saint Phalle's art.



Big head: the monumental *Tête de Mort*, a recent (1990) work by Niki de Saint Phalle

● *Niki de Saint Phalle, McLellan Galleries, 270 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow (041-331 1854) until April 4.*

Minor Mozart misses

CLASSICAL RECORDS

John Eliot Gardiner can usually be relied on to bring a strong sense of the theatre to his recordings, especially when he is working with the Lyons Opéra. But it has deserted him in Mozart's **Die Entführung aus dem Serail** (Archiv 435 857-2, 2 CDs). The overture from the English Baroque Soloists, all mock-Turkish clangour, promises well. The finale is rousing. But in between too much is well-mannered but passionless.

Gardiner has gone for a young cast without international stars. With the women the approach pays off. Luba Orgonasova is all that a Constanze should be: her soprano brims with youthful confidence throughout the range, the technique is assured and the attack precise. Cyndia Sieden's Blonde commands much of Act II, except when Constanze has her say. She first puts the Turks in their place and then is full of joy at the prospect of freedom.

But the men are dull dogs. Stanford Olsen is accurate enough as Belmonte, but the singing is flavourless. When at last he does join in duet with Constanze it is just another routine encounter. Cornelius Hauptmann's Osmin similarly lacks succulence.

Mozart's comedy **La finta giardiniera** (Teldec 9031-72309-2, 3 CDs), which can be clumsily translated as "The Disguised Gardening Girl", predates *Entführung* by six years. It rarely gets an airing because it is extremely long and the sub-Marivaux plot lacks all credibility. But there is glorious music, not least the complex finale to Act II where most of the leading characters take each other for someone else. The first time, perhaps, that it happened in a Mozart opera, but not the last.

Teldec fields a most accomplished cast. Edita Gruberova is the gardening girl, a disguised marchioness no more likely to be found elbow-deep in mulch than Marie-Antionette would be doing some sheep-shearing. Gruberova is given some glorious arias, and handles them with great style. Dawn Upshaw makes the chambermaid Serpetta a prototype for Despina, with a multitude of homilies about men. And there is a wise and witty performance from Thomas Moser as the Mayor. The whole is in the very safe hands of Nikolaus Harnoncourt and the Concentus Musicus.

Even earlier Mozart, **Mitridate**, from Harnoncourt and the Concentus comes from Decca on Laserdisc (071 407-1) and VHS (071 407-3) only. This is *opera seria* sung and acted in the grand manner by that well-known Handel partnership of Yvonne Kenny and Ann Murray. Ravishing to look at and a pretty good sound.

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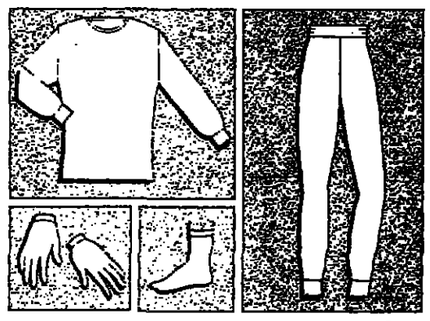
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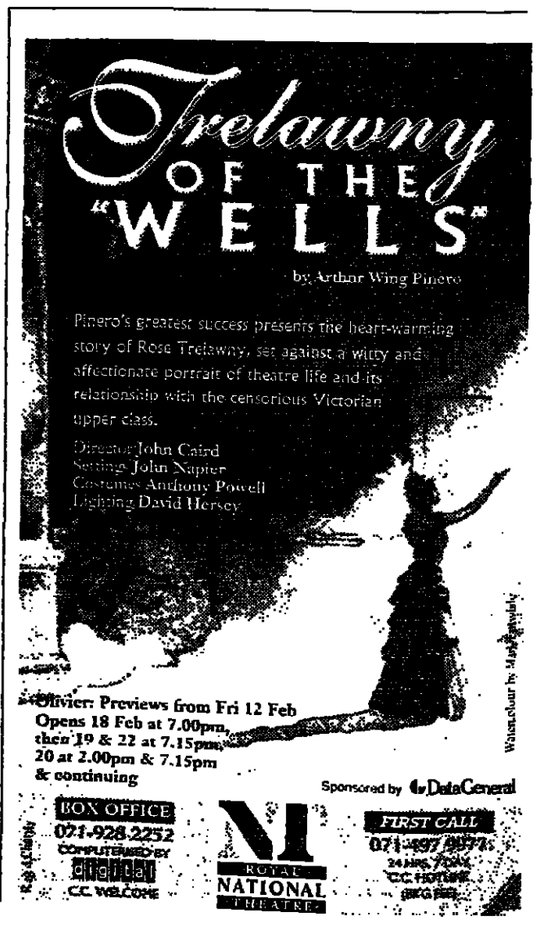
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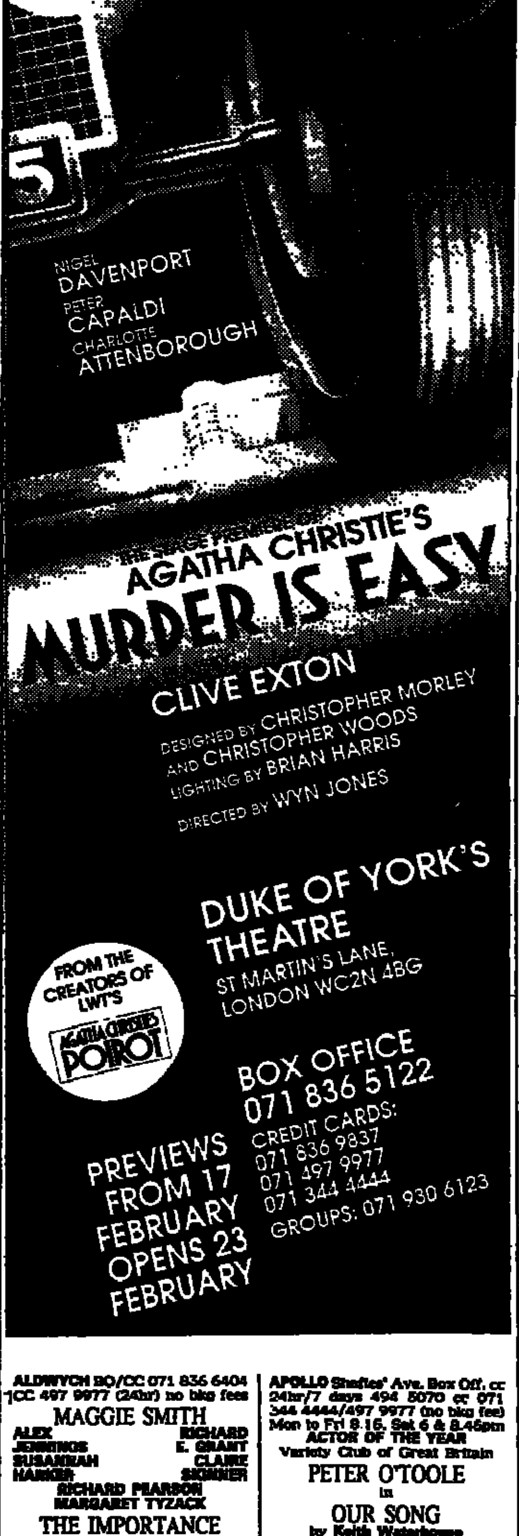
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BEST PLAY ALL 4 MAJOR AWARDS 1991 "UNMISSABLE" Independent THE MOST CELEBRATED PLAY IN THE WORLD 'Brian Friel... Astonishing' D.Exp
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GARRICK BO/CC 494 5085/497 9977 (no fee) 071 344 4444 (fee) PAUL BOWN IVAN KAYE
ON THE PISTE A New Comedy By JOHN GODBER Prevs from Feb 18. All seats £10 Opens Feb 24 at 7.00 Mon-Sat 8 mats Thu 3 Sat 4

GLOBE BO/CC 071 494 5067 (bkg fee)071 344 4444/497 9977 "Peter Hall's bracing and revelatory production" E Std Anna Carteret Michael Denison Hannah Gordon Dulcie Gray Martin Shaw David Yelland OSCAR WILDE'S
AN IDEAL HUSBAND A triumph... audiences are advised to beat a path to the Globe" S. Times Eves 7.45 Mats Thu 3, Sat 4

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL 071 930 8800 (inc cc no bkg fee) 071 344 4444 (with bkg fee)
ROBERT LINDSAY "SUPERB"D Exp "A SHINING STAR" Indp as CYRANO DE BERGERAC "SPECTACULAR, SWASHBUCKLING... Marvellously Passionate" D Tel adapted by JOHN WELLS Directed by ELIJAH MOSHINSKY Eves 7.30 Wed & Sat Mats 2.30

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HER MAJESTY'S 24hr 494 5400 (bkg fee) CC 344 4444/497 9977 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Booking Period Open to Sept 93 SOLD OUT UNTIL 31 MARCH 93 APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS

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NATIONAL THEATRE BO 071 928 2252 Grps 071 620 0741; 24hr cc bkg fee 071 497 9977
OLIVIER Today 2.00 & 7.15 AN INSPECTOR CALLS by J.B. Priestley
LYTTELTON Rodgers and Hammerstein's CAROUSEL Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.15 Day seats and returns only.
COTTESLOE Today 10.30 THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW a musical play for 4 to 7 year olds by Roel Adam translated by Noel Clark Today 4.00 & 8.00 STAGES a new play by David Storey. Mon 7.30 BILLY LIAR a comedy by Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall Registered Charity.

NEW LONDON Drury Lane BO 071 405 0072 CC 071 404 4079 24hr 344 4444. Groups 930 6123 Tkts from: Tower Records Ldn. THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL
CATS Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.00 LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION. PLEASE BE PROMPT. Bars open at 6.45 LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

PALACE THEATRE 071-434 0909 cc 24hrs (bkg fee) 071-344 4444/497 9977/071 793 1000 Group Sales 071 930 6123 Groups 071 494 1671 THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR MUSICAL
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BLOOD BROTHERS KIKI DEE and CARL WAYNE "ASTONISHING" S Express ...Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval" D Mail Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

PICCADILLY BO/CC 071 867 1118/071 344 4444/497 9977 Groups 930 6123 A new musical adventure
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WYNDHAMS BO/CC 867 1116 /071 344 4444 cc 071 867 1111 John Wells William Gaunt Richard Kane in GRAHAM GREENE'S
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Best Comedy Of The Year E Standard Award Ev 8 Mat Sat 4 ALISON STEADMAN JANE HORROCKS in The Rise & Fall Of
LITTLE VOICE by Jim Cartwright Directed by Sam Mendes Last 2 Weeks Must End Feb 13

APOLLO Shaftes' Ave. Box Off. cc 24hr/7 days 494 5070 cc 071 344 4444/497 9977 (no bkg fee) Mon to Fri 8.15, Sat 6 & 8.45pm ACTOR OF THE YEAR Variety Club of Great Britain
PETER O'TOOLE in OUR SONG by Keith Waterhouse Directed by Ned Sherrin "SINGS WITH SUCCESS" D. Mail LAST 6 WEEKS - ends 13 Mar

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CINEMAS

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CURZON WEST END Shaftes' Ave W1 071 439 4805 Jeremy Irons, Juliette Binoche in DAMAGE (18) A film by Louis Malle. Progs at 12.45, 3.20, 6.00 & 8.35

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7.25 News and weather (3552815)
7.30 Henry's Cat (r) (6016709) **7.35 Wiz Bang**. Early morning fun (s) (7590693) **7.50 Litt' Bits** (r) (9632544) **8.10 Eggs 'n' Baker**. Cheryl Baker is joined by *Hot Chef* Gary Rhodes (s) (5769896) **8.35 Tom and Jerry: Greatest Hits** (r) (1865167)
9.00 Going Live! Sarah Greene and Philip Schofield are joined by Joanna Lumley, who has news of this year's Red Nose Day for Comic Relief, Sting, Robbie Williams, Tom Johnstone, Kelly George and Claire and Julie Buckfield (s) (78849780) **12.12 Weather** (9490490)
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider from Cardiff. The line-up is, subject to alteration: **12.20** Football Focus. Bob Wilson and Gary Lineker look back at the week's action from the Premier League; **12.50** News, **12.55**, **1.25** and **1.55** Racing from Chepstow: the Huntsman Handicap Chase (**1.00**); the John Hughes Grand National Trial Chase (**1.30**); and the Philip Cornes Saddle of Gold Stayers Novice Hurdle (**2.00**); **1.10** Skiing: David Vine introduces coverage of the world championships from Japan; **1.40** and **2.10** Rugby Union, a preview and live coverage of the five nations' match between Wales and England at Cardiff's National Stadium (ko 2.30). Plus, at **4.00**, highlights of the game in Paris between France and Scotland; **4.35** Final Score (25258032)
5.15 News with Chris Lowe. Weather (1885815)
5.25 Regional News and sport (2012728). Wales: (to 6.05) Wales on Saturday
5.35 That's Showbusiness. Patrick Moore and Craig Charles take on Baz Bamigboye and John Virgo in the celebrity panel game presented by Mike Smith. (Ceefax) (s) (970983)



Grabbing a grand: snooker player John Parrott (6.05pm)

6.05 Noel's House Party. Noel Edmonds is joined by Leslie Grantham and John Parrott, and television chefs Peter Hudson and David Halls win a "Gotcha Oscar" (s) (199964)
7.00 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. The magician is joined by Germany's Liazeed and Philippe Socrate from France. With Debbie McGee and Martin Daniels. (Ceefax) (s) (220728)
7.50 Casualty: Family Matters. Gritty medical drama set in the busy accident and emergency department of a city hospital. When a young girl shows signs of sexual abuse, it is not long before she admits to Duffy that she has been sworn to silence. (Ceefax) (s) (763693)
8.40 Birds of a Feather. A repeat showing of the first series of the comedy about the Essex girls (Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson) with the jailed husbands (r). (Ceefax) (s) (782896)
9.10 News and sport with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (132493)
9.30 That's Life! Esther Rantzen and her team try to right more wrongs. (Ceefax) (s) (828341)
10.10 Match of the Day. Highlights from two of today's Premier League matches. The commentators are John Motson and Tony Gubba (s) (180693)
11.10 Film: Beneath the Planet of the Apes (1969). The second in the "Apes" cycle stars James Franciscus as an astronaut who crash-lands on Earth and discovers a world ruled by intelligent primates. It is also an intelligent film. Directed by Ted Post (328761). Wales: That's Showbusiness 11.40-1.15 Film: Beneath the Planet of the Apes
12.40am Weather (7751026)

BBC2

9.10 Open University: Voyages of Discover (9760780) **9.35** The Planet Earth: a Scientific Model (3112761) **10.00** Maths Methods: Ill-conditioning (6074273) **10.25** Urban Habitats (3259235) **10.50** The Encyclopédie (1732612) **11.15 Oceanography**: Understanding the Oceans (76115341) **12.05** Venice and Antwerp (1): the Cities Compared (6420254) **12.30** The Question of Sovereignty (88776065) **1.20** Climates of Opinion: Living with Technology (3498506) **2.10** Psychology: Personnel Selection (38038916) **2.35** Keleston Hall (2214612)
3.00 The Sky at Night: Radio Watchers. Patrick Moore talks to astronomers who make radio pictures (r) (s) (5206322)
3.25 Film: Home from the Hill (1959). Solid, solemn saga from the American south starring Robert Mitchum and Eleanor Parker as a couple who stay married only for the sake of their son (George Hamilton). Directed by Vincente Minnelli (12618693)
5.50 Late Again. Highlights from the week's editions of *The Late Show* (s) (732693)
6.35 Scrutiny. The work of the Parliamentary select committees (916186)
7.05 News and sport with Chris Lowe. Weather (676341)
7.25 Stiffelio. A live transmission of Verdi's little-known three-act opera from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, introduced by Michael Berkeley. Starring José Carreras, Catherine Malfitano, Gregory Yurisich and Gwynne Howell, conducted by Edward Downes and directed by Elijah Moshinsky. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3 (31172411)
10.10 Moving Pictures. The main item is a portrait of the composer Mark Isham, whose scores include Alan Rudolph's *The Moderns* and the new Robert Redford film *A River Runs Through It*. British director Bruce Robinson reflects on his bumpy debut in Hollywood and there is a celebration of Hitchcock's *Vertigo*, which follows this programme (190362) (883877)



Height of passion: James Stewart, Kim Novak (11.00pm)

11.00 Film: Vertigo (1958).
● CHOICE: There is an excellent introduction to Alfred Hitchcock's teasing thriller in the *Moving Pictures* item which precedes this showing. Here contemporary directors, including Paul Verhoeven (of *Basic Instinct*) and Neil Jordan (of *The Crying Game*), not only comment revealingly on the film but show how, wittingly or not, they have "quoted" it in their own work. Taken from a French novel but set in San Francisco, *Vertigo* is the story of a detective (James Stewart) with a fear of heights and his obsession for a woman (Kim Novak) he has been assigned to follow. The obsession is rekindled when he meets her double. Hitchcock called the plot ridiculous and so it is. But *Vertigo* proceeds with such cinematic logic that the implausibilities fade away. Note the unsettling use of colour and Bernard Herrmann's haunting score (73738780). Ends at **1.00am**

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ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (2452693)
9.25 What's Up Doc? presented by Yvette Fielding, Andy Crane and Pat Sharp (s) (37061896)
11.30 Movies, Movies, Movies. Steve Priestly reviews cinema releases *Honey I Blew Up the Kid* and *Folks* (r) (7896)
12.00 The ITV Chart Show featuring the Carpenters with "Rainy Days and Mondays" (r) (s) (96070)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (48787254) **1.05 London Today** (48786525)
1.10 Matlock. Andy Griffith stars as the Atlanta defence attorney in a feature-length episode of the courtroom drama. Matlock is helped by reporter Paul Neal when defending an aging hippy accused of murdering a mayor of Chicago with a dubious past (96167419)
2.50 Hard Time on Planet Earth. Comedy series following the fortunes of an alien exiled to Earth. This week Jesse helps a young Army corporal from falling under the influence of his old street gang friends (5348254)
3.50 WCW Worldwide Wrestling. More grunt, grapple and groan (8473457)
4.40 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Sports results and weather (4597631)
5.00 London Tonight and sport (1882728)
5.10 New Baywatch. The lives and loves of the perfectly formed lifeguards of Los Angeles county. Mitch and Stephanie engage in a spirited battle of the sexes. (Teletext) (s) (1521506)
6.00 Blind Date. Cilla Black plays Cupid to more hopefuls looking for romance and discovers how last week's winners fared on their dates. (Teletext) (s) (92254)
7.00 Barrymore. Michael Barrymore presents the show in which members of the public are the stars (383761)



Oxford blues: officers Thaw, Whately, Armstrong (7.45pm)

7.45 Inspector Morse: Happy Families, starring John Thaw as the dour detective. When a business tycoon is murdered at his country mansion, Morse suspects his feuding sons and mentally unstable wife. The high-profile murder case leads to Morse clashing with a senior officer and becoming the victim of a tabloid press hate campaign. With Kevin Whately and Alun Armstrong (r). (Teletext) (s) (384506)
9.45 Film: Nightmare at Bitter Creek (1987) starring Lindsay Wagner. A made-for-television thriller about four women back-packers who inadvertently stumble upon a hideout and are terrorized by a group of neo-Nazis. Directed by Tim Burstall (890099)
11.20 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (999475) followed by **London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather
11.40 The Big Fight from Cardiff. Eamonn Loughran meets Michael Benjamin for the Commonwealth welterweight title (896934)
12.55am The Big E. Magazine programme for and about young Europeans. The show talks to the people of Europe about themselves, their experiences and their opinions, and takes a look at all aspects of European culture (7753020)
2.00 Basketball. News and action highlights from the American NBA league (2372129)
3.05 The New Music. A look at the Mexican music and art scenes (5339264). Followed by **Rock Sport**. Sporting action set to music. Featured in this film is the ladies' world rally champion Louise Aitken Walker who once was driving tractors round her father's farm in Scotland. She is seen almost losing her life in Portugal and performing extraordinary driving feats in the forests of Scotland
4.25 BPM. The latest news and music from the world of dance music (s) (7208465)
5.30 ITN Morning News (97007). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (s) (5509902) **6.25 Spiff and Hercules**. Cartoon fun with the cat and dog (8480964) **6.35 Alfred J Kwak**. Tales of a musical duck (3151032) **7.05 Kideo**. Getting to grips with satellites (s) (9964772) **7.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors** (r) (71322) **8.00 Saved by the Bell**. Schoolroom drama (61896) **8.30 High 5**. Snowboarding (60167)
9.00 News (3153070) **9.15 Racing: the Morning Line** (4701186)
10.00 Trans World Sport. International sporting news (77506)
11.00 Gazzetta Football Italia. Paul Gascoigne takes his weekly look at the Italian league (80070)
12.00 Songs and Memories. Kishwar Naheed, a leading poet in the Urdu language, talks to Zarmine Sarfaraz about her poetry and her work in setting up women's self-help groups (64983)
12.30 Pete Smith Specialities: Treasures From Trash. How to make your rubbish go further (r) (24914235)
12.45 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown, introduced by John Francome. Live coverage of the Ripley 4-year-old Hurdle (**12.55**); the Scilly Isles Novices' Chase (**1.25**); the Tote Jackpot Handicap Hurdle (**2.00**) the Agfa Diamond Chase (Ltd Handicap) (**2.35**); and the Agfa Hurdle (**3.05**) (36905099)
3.30 Film: The Yellow Balloon (1952, b/w) starring Kenneth More and Andrew Ray. Taut thriller about a small boy who is convinced that he has killed his friend and is exploited by a villain. Directed by J. Lee Thompson (91490)
5.00 Fingerwave. Animation (2095051)
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext) (s) (7217235)
6.30 Right to Reply with Sheena McDonald. Includes viewers reactions to *Cutting Edge*'s *The Care Business* and Roland Rat reviewing GMTV (Teletext) (s) (235)
7.00 A Week in Politics with Vincent Hanna and Andrew Rawnsley. The transport secretary, John MacGregor, MP, is questioned on rail privatisation and Scottish MPs react to the leaks about government proposals to change the way Scotland is governed (9983)
8.00 Adventures: Steaming Passions.
● CHOICE: This is not a trailer for Channel 4's forthcoming "love weekend" but a repeated documentary about women who go nuts over steam trains. It is presented by Nigel Farrell, who brings to the job a dual prejudice. He cannot see the attraction of old chuffers himself and thinks the people who do are overgrown boys who like to get oil on their faces and drink too much beer. Perhaps many of them are but the revelation of this easy-going film is that you do not have to be male to hanker for the thrills of the footplate. In journeys which take him from the Bluebell line in Sussex to the Severn valley and North Yorkshire moors, Farrell finds women ticket inspectors, guards and, yes, a budding engine driver. She is Heidi Mewforth and if she passes her senior fireman's exam she will be able to drive a loco solo. (Teletext) (8631)
9.00 Stephen King's Golden Years. Final part of the best-selling author's thriller. Terry and Crewes are forced to hide, but when Andrews arrives, events are brought to a terrifying conclusion. (Teletext) (s) (523983)
9.50 Good Night Norma, Good Night Milton. Animation by John Schnall (233631)



Guest spot: actress and singer Kylie Minogue (10.00pm)

10.00 Saturday Zoo. Jonathan Ross is joined by Kylie Minogue and Lenny Kravitz (8254)
11.00 Ready Steady Go! (b/w). Nostalgic look at the Sixties music scene, with the Beatles, Gerry and the Pacemakers, Chuck Berry and Cliff Richard (994380)
11.35 Adult Oprah. Oprah Winfrey discovers that not all men hate their mothers-in-law (s) (470273)
12.30am Film: The Comic (1969). Bitter-sweet story of the rise and fall of a silent screen star played by Dick Van Dyke. With Mickey Rooney, Cornel Wilde and Michelle Lee. Directd by Carl Reiner (663858)
2.15 The Word (r) (s) (158194). Ends at **3.15**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Danger Bay (62308) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (94709) **7.00** Fun Factory (7131983) **12.00** Barnaby Jones (27964) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (36612) **2.00** Greenacres (6728) **2.30** Facts of Life (5729) **3.00** Cartoons (32322) **4.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (51457) **5.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (9815) **6.00** Beverly Hills, 90210 (23148) **7.00** Knights and Warriors (60693) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (75341) **9.00** Cops I (40341) **9.30** Cops II (28693) **10.00** All American Wrestling (69964) **11.00** Saturday Night Live (25167) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (92490) **6.30** News and Business Report (934438) **9.30** Nightline (35983) **10.00** Dayline (89001) **10.30** *Financial Times* European Report (10475) **11.00** Dayline (35419) **11.30** Travel Destinations (52493) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (82167) **1.30** The Reporters (83896) **2.30** Nightline (33380) **3.30** Those Were The Days (19709) **4.30** Travel Destinations (3506) **5.00** Live at Five (74235) **6.30** Fashion TV (25099) **7.30** The Reporters (39780) **9.30** *Financial Times* European Report (68092) **10.30** The Reporters (29254) **11.30** Fashion TV (82235) **12.30am** Travel Destinations (31129) **1.30** *Financial Times* European Report (23649) **2.30** Fashion TV (34194) **3.30** Target (46939) **4.30** *Financial Times* European Report (63755) **5.30-6.00** The Reporters (24129)

SKY MOVIES+

6.00am Showcase (47148)
8.00 Once Upon a Dead Man (1971) Rock Hudson searches for a sarcophagus (93070)
10.00 1941 (1979): Comedy about the panic after the attack on Pearl Harbor (42273)
12.00 Torn Apart (1989). Romantic drama about a Jewish boy and an Arab girl (172728)
1.50pm Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969): Paul Newman and Robert Redford as western outlaws (84585070)
3.45 Superman III (1983): Christopher Reeve as the comic-book hero (35211693)
5.50 Great Expectations: The Untold Story (1989) (16359877)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (547490)
8.00 Conan the Destroyer (1984): Arnold Schwarzenegger flexes his muscles (75525)
10.00 Out for Justice (1991): Steven Seagal and William Forsythe fight one other in the streets of Brooklyn (213186)
11.35 Catherine Cherie (1982): Adult entertainment (337525)
1.15am Graveyard Shift (1990): Stephen King's horror story (930910)
2.45 The Midnight Hour (1985): Comedy at a Hallowe'en party (487007)
4.25 Daddy's Dyin'... Who's Got the Will? (1990) Farce about a mercenary family (827397). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Raffles (1939, b/w): David Niven as a sophisticated cat-burglar (53051)
5.30 Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines (1965): Comedy about a London to Paris air race (790761)
8.00 The Missionary (1983): Clergyman Michael Palin sets up a home for fallen women (27144051)
9.45 Ode to Billy Joe (1976): Romantic tragedy (238235) Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.40am The Great McGinty (1940, b/w): Tramp Brian Donlevy becomes an American state governor (1841506)
8.05 It's a Bikini World (1967): Beach comedy with Tommy Kirk (5954148)
9.35 Billion Dollar Hobo (1978): Tim Conway is heir to a fortune (88865273)
11.15 C.H.O.M.P.S. (1979): Cartoon about a mechanical dog (98942815)
12.50pm If I Were King (1938, b/w): Poet Ronald Colman in a battle of wits with Basil Rathbone's King Louis XI (76849612)
3.00 High Noon (1952): Classic western starring Gary Cooper (35021273)
4.50 Outback (1988): Jeff Fahey buys an Australian farm (62085490)
7.00 Music Box (1989): Jessica Lange's father is accused of war crimes (44536322)
9.10 Bird on a Wire (1990). Goldie Hawn and Mel Gibson flee the mob (34305693)
11.05 Darkman (1990): Disfigured scientist Liam Neeson seeks revenge (261612)
12.45am Friday the 13th Part II (1981). More teenagers are massacred (948939)
2.15 A Show of Force (1990): Amy Irving investigates an FBI cover-up (148571)
3.55 Mr Smith Goes to Washington (1939, b/w) Comedy starring James Stewart as an honest politician (65139484). Ends **6.00**

SKY SPORTS

6.30am The Big League (330438) **9.00** Gillette Sports (74983) **9.30** The Boot Room (40693) **10.30** Sky Soccer Weekend Update (39099) **11.30** Drag Racing (94186) **12.00** WWF Wrestling (91148) **1.00pm** Sports Saturday (4126070) **6.00** Fifa Quiz (3341) **6.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor (4693) **7.00** WWF Mania (38803) **8.00** US PGA Golf (317612) **11.00** Muscle Night (69525) **12.00** Ringside (77842) **2.00am** Fishing the West (32991) **2.30-3.30** Surfing (85842)

EUROSPORT

6.30am Skiing (97588) **8.00** Step Aerobics (86728) **8.30** Skiing (54371) **10.00** Trans World Sport (53984) **11.00** Skiing (73728) **12.00** Two-Men Bobsleigh (5519693) **3.30pm** Speed Skating (84148) **5.00** Euroscores Magazine (1621506) **5.05** Skiing (5862051) **8.00** Tennis (322544) **9.00** Boxing (69490) **10.30** Euroscores Magazine (86984) **11.00-12.00** Skiing (54693)

SCREENSPORT

6.30am Football Holland (36709) **7.00** NHL Review (31544) **8.00** PGA Golf (32273) **9.00** Football Holland (69186) **10.00** German Motorsport (66438) **11.00** Gillette Sports (91099) **11.30** NBA Action (92728) **12.00** Pro Kick (82480) **1.00pm** Basketball (31254) **3.00** Egmond Half Marathon (96544) **4.00** Jakarta Road Races (1506) **4.30** Kick Boxing (82322) **5.30** Gol (91544) **6.30** French Ice Racing (2235) **7.00** Johnnie Walker Golf (38885) **8.00** Five Nations Rugby Union (19983) **9.00** Pro Box (12070) **11.00** PGA Golf (67167) **12.00** Pro Box USA (79200) **1.00am** NBA Basketball (67026) **3.00** Ladies Pro Ten Pin Bowling (79842) **4.00-6.00** Basketball Bundesliga (50397)

UK GOLD

6.00am Rainbow (38355419) **6.15** Button Moon (38376902) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (1175273) **7.00** Lasele (3308490) **7.30** Owl TV (3327525) **8.00** Hot Dog (5909322) **8.30** Rentaghost (5908693) **9.00** The Raccoons (5922273) **9.30** Bucky O'Hare (5597438) **10.00** Jem (1166525) **10.30** Dungeons and Dragons (5928457) **11.00** Film: Run of the Arrow (1967) (7737273) **12.30pm** Film: The Inside Story (1948, b/w) starring Marsha Hunt (76485457) **2.15** Bless This House (9856964) **2.45** EastEnders (76028896) **5.30** Swallows and Amazons Forever! (3846099) **6.00** Campion (5509273) **7.00** Bless This House (7726254) **7.30** Till Death Us Do Part (3823148) **8.00** Bergerac (3638896) **9.00** The Lotus Eaters (3618032) **10.00** Film: Carry On Girls (7898877) **11.30** Happy Families (1162709) **12.00** Three of a Kind (7701397) **12.30-1.30am** In Concert: Duran Duran in 1982 (9955823)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.10 Wrestling (3496148) **2.00** The A-Team (53190709) **2.55-4.40** Film: Hunters of the Reef **5.00-5.10** Anglia News (1882728) **12.55** Hollywood Report (3612397) **1.25** Kojak (4315484) **2.20** The Shamen (3189026) **2.30** BPM (83571) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (1171194) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6076868)

BORDER

As London except: 1.10 Granada Sport: Kick Off (98077099) **1.30** Film: Dark Journey (84588) **3.00-4.40** Granada Sport: Action (58846438) **5.00-5.10** Border News (1882728) **12.55** Hollywood Report (3612397) **1.25** Kojak (4315484) **2.20** The Shamen (3189026) **2.30** BPM (83571) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (1171194) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6076868)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.10 Film: Polly (29398438) **3.00** The A-Team (5595322) **3.55-4.40** Wrestling (7134761) **5.00** Central News (2004709) **5.05-5.10** The Central Match: Goals Extra (2096780) **12.55** Film: Mutiny at Fort Sharpe (854668) **2.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9659571) **3.10** America's Top Ten (37378378) **3.40** Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight (68392674) **4.10** Jobfinder (3538552) **5.15-5.30** Asian Eye

GRANADA

As London except: 1.10 Granada Sport: Kick Off (98077099) **1.30** Film: Ursus and the Tartar Princess (84588) **3.00-4.40** Granada Sport: Action (58846438) **5.00-5.10** Granada News (188728) **12.55** Hollywood Report (3612397) **1.25** Kojak (4315484) **2.20** The Shamen (3189026) **2.30** BPM (83571) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (1171194) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6076868)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.10 McCloud (1311709) **2.10-4.40** Film: The Egyptian (42060148) **5.00-5.10** HTV West News and Sport (1882728) **12.55** Hollywood Report (3612397) **1.25** Kojak (4315484) **2.20** The Shamen (3189026) **2.30** BPM (83571) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (1171194) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6076868)

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 5.00-5.10 HTV Wales News and Sport

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.10 Film: Concrete Cowboys (29302186) **2.55-3.50** The A-Team (6347525) **5.00** Meridian News (2004709) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (2096780) **1.50** Film: Quadrophenia (Phil Daniels, Mark Wingett, Sting) (690303) **3.35** Basketball Preview (5729007) **4.30** America's Top Ten Show (66212552) **4.55-5.30** Wrestling

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.10 The A-Team (1311709) **2.10-4.40** Film: The Spirit of St Louis (42060148) **5.00-5.10** Tyne Tees Saturday (1882728) **12.55** Coach (3612397) **1.25** The Law and Harry McGraw (4315484) **2.20** BPM (3837804) **3.20** Stephen King's World of Horror (4625571) **4.15** Cue the Music (420623) **5.15-5.30** Terrorvision (1400533)

ULSTER

As London except: 11.20-12.00 You're On (7896) **1.10** Saturday Sport (48767490) **1.20** Transworld Sport (1301322) **2.20** The A-Team (6908693) **3.15** Movies, Movies, Movies (631186) **3.45-4.40** Wrestling (8903728) **5.00** UTV Live (2004709) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (2096780) **12.55** Hollywood Report (3612397) **1.25** Kojak (4315484) **2.20** The Shamen (3189026) **2.30** BPM (83571) **3.30** Little Picture Show (1171194) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (5978939)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 11.30-12.00 Anybody Out There? (7896) **1.10** Film: Helen of Troy (36563693) **3.25** Out of Limits (9569631) **3.40** The Munsters Today (6301780) **4.10-4.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (3692273) **5.00-5.10** Westcountry Weekend Latest (1882728) **12.55** Hollywood Report (3612397) **1.25** Kojak (4315484) **2.20** The Shamen (3189026) **2.30** BPM (83571) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (1171194) **4.35-5.30** The Big E (6076868)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.10 The A-Team (1311709) **2.10-4.40** Film: The Spirit of St Louis (42060148) **5.00-5.10** Calendar News (1882728) **12.55** Coach (3612397) **1.25** The Law and Harry McGraw (4315484) **2.20** BPM (3837804) **3.20** Stephen King's World of Horror (4625571) **4.15** Cue the Music (420623) **5.15-5.30** Terrorvision (1400533)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 Kideo (5174490) **7.35** Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (4069032) **8.00** Saved by the Bell (61896) **8.30** High 5 (60167) **9.00** News (3153070) **9.15** Racing: The Morning Line (4701186) **10.00** Trans World Sport (77506) **11.00** Gazzetta Football Italia — With Paul Gascoigne (80070) **12.00** The Wonder Years (54983) **12.30** Spare Time (24914235) **12.45** Channel 4 Racing (1625235) **2.10** Pencampwriaeth Y Pum Gwlad: Cymru v Lloegr (500612) **4.10** Racing from Sandown Park (3432490) **4.35** Running High (8760457) **5.05** Brookside (7217235) **6.30** Magic Roundabout (402693) **6.35** Now You're Talking (980761) **7.00** News (318815) **7.20** Shotolau (767898) **7.50** Halen Yn Y Gwaed (109790) **8.50** Tocyn Tymor (1777254) **10.00** Saturday Zoo (8254) **11.00** Ready Steady Go! (994380) **11.35** Adult Oprah (456693) **12.25** Whose Line is It Anyway? (7808113) **12.55** Close

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies with The Weekend Breakfast Show **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Record Producers: Nicky Campbell profiles Nile Rodgers and Bernard Edwards **3.00** Johnnie Walker **6.00** The Saturday Rock Show **8.30** Jools Holland: with guests Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer **9.00** Andy Kershaw **11.00** John Peel (FM only from **12.00**) **2.00-4.00am** Nicky Horne (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bill Rennells **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Brian Hayes on Saturday **1.30** Pull the Other One! **2.00** Ronnie Hilton Sounds of the Fifties **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** The Nashville Dream (r) **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough's New Country **6.00** The World Dances **7.00** The Bolshoi in London: This week's ballets include *The Stone Flower*, *Raymonda* and Act 2 of *Swan Lake* **9.30** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton (r) **1.00-4.00** Charles Nove with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **Midday**. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Get Set... **10.30** Tales of the Texas Rangers **11.00** Go! **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (as Radio 4 at 9.05am) **12.30pm** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five, with John Inverdale. Rugby Union: Wales v England; Football **5.00** Sports Report **6.05** Six-O-Six **7.30** Afropop Worldwide **8.30** La Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** On the Level, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Travel and Weather News **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** World and British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** People and Politics **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** A Jolly Good Show **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Worldbrief **9.30** Personal View **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Jazz Now and Then **10.15** Letter from America **10.30** Waveguide **10.40** Book Choice **10.45** From the Weeklies **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Midday** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 3 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** Club 648 **2.15** Personal View **2.30** Sportsworld **3.00** World News **3.15** Sportsworld **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News Headlines in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News; Sportsworld **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.10** Personal View **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe This Weekend **8.55** European Sports News **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World and British News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** Words of Faith **11.10** Book Choice **11.15** A Jolly Good Show **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** The Ken Bruce Show **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Play of the Week: Sakuntala **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Task Force Orient **3.00** World News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** From Our Own Correspondent **3.50** Write On **4.00** World News **4.15** Inside the Photograph Album

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic CD Chart Rundown with Paul Gambaccini **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Adrian Love **6.00** Classic America **7.00** Opera: Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and Chorus under Levine performs Verdi's *Luisa Miller* **10.00** Classic Quiz **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Record Review, with Paul Guinery. Sullivan (Incidental music, Henry VIII: RTE Concert Orchestra under Andrew Penny, with Emmanuel Lawler, tenor); Vivaldi (Oboe Concerto in C, RV450: Douglas Boyd; Chamber Orchestra of Europe); Fuchs (Cello Sonata No 2 in E flat minor: Nancy Green, cello, Caroline Palmer, piano); Martinů (Toccata e due canzoni: St Paul Chamber Orchestra under Christopher Hogwood); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 3 in C minor: John Lill; City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Walter Weller)
9.00 News
9.05 Record Review continues with Richard Osborne. **Building a Library**: Includes reviews of Mahler (Symphony No 3) by Michael Kennedy; Chandos's recordings of Tavener (We Shall See Him As He Is) by Duncan Druce; and new recordings of harpsichord music by Lionel Salter. **10.35 Record Release**: Soler (Sonatas Nos 22 and 23 in B flat: Bob van Asperen, harpsichord); Alfonso X "El Sabio" (Two Cantigas de Santa Maria: Sequentia, Benjamin Bagby, voice, Barbara Thornton, instrumental); Balbastre (La Suzanne; La Genty; La Malesherbe: Ursula Deutschler, harpsichord). **11.18** Michael Oliver reviews a CD retrospective of music by Stockhausen, and a reissue of John Tavener's *The Whale*. **12.24pm** Tavener (The Whale: London Sinfonietta Chorus; London Sinfonietta under David Atherton, with Anna Reynolds, mezzo, Raimund Herincx, baritone, Alvar Liddell, speaker, John Tavener, organ)
1.00 News
1.05 Scotland's Music: Cappella Nova under Alan Tavener performs the first of five concerts of Scottish music from the 1992 Edinburgh International Festival. The sequence includes Celtic chants in honour of St Columba and St Kentigern, followed by tropes and polyphony from St Andrew's Music Book and motets by Robert Carver. Tom Fleming reads from Celtic texts and the earliest translation of the Bible into Scots
2.45 Hummel: Octet-Partita in E flat (Members of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe)
3.00 The Koussevitzky Legacy: Humphrey Burton presents the third of 12 programmes on the conductor Serge Koussevitzky. Boston Symphony Orchestra performs Strauss (Don Juan); Brahms (Violin Concerto in D: Jascha Heifetz); Sibelius (Symphony No 2 in D)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Opera News, with James Naughtie
6.30 Violin Sonatas: Vilmos Szabadi, violin, Marta Gulyas, piano, perform Beethoven (Sonata in F, Op 24, Spring); Mozart (Sonata in E flat, K481)
7.25 Stiffelio: Live from Covent Garden, in a simultaneous broadcast with BBC2, the Royal Opera House Chorus and Orchestra under Edward Downes perform Act 1 of Verdi's opera. Sung in Italian. With José Carreras as Stiffelio, Robin Leggate as Raffaele, Gregory Yurisch as Stankar, Catherine Malfitano as Lina and Gwynne Howell as Jorg. **8.30** Verdi and Religion. **8.50** Acts 2 and 3
10.15 The Old Canoe Ramp at Tongariki
● CHOICE: After an introductory passage that is too dense with detail, Paul Theroux's reading from his new book, *The Happy Isles of Oceania*, settles down and conforms to the pattern that has made him a prince among travel writers. He is not as good a reader as he is writer, but you cannot have everything. Tonight's extract finds Theroux on Easter Island where he canoe-paddles through choppy waters to the accompaniment of Bob Dylan's guitar and baroque oboe concertos on his Walkman, and watches the islands rigidifying themselves with booze
10.40 20th-Century Piano Sonatas: Janis Vakarelis plays Prokofiev (Sonata No 7, Op 83); Michel Philippot (Sonata No 2) (r)
11.15 Impressions: Brian Morton talks to the guitarists Martin Taylor and Derek Bailey
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **7.00** Today, incl **7.00**, **7.30**, **8.00**, **8.30** News **6.55**, **7.55** Weather **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25**, **8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: Holiday news
10.00 News; Loose Ends (s)
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box, with Alison Mitchell
12.25pm Just a Minute! Nicholas Parsons challenges Clement Freud, Paul Merton, Wendy Richard and Tony Slattery to talk non-stop for 60 seconds (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby's guests in Barnet, Hertfordshire, are Lady Anson, chairwoman of the Association of District Councils; Ann Clwyd, MP, shadow national heritage secretary; Graham Mather, president of the European Policy Forum; and John MacGregor, MP, transport secretary (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm
2.30 Playhouse: A Kind of Freedom. Robert Glenister and Joanna Myers star in Alan MacDonald's play about the destructive power of revenge (r) (s)
4.00 New Europeans: David Lodge presents the last programme of the series. What becomes of your Englishness after spending 25 years in another country? Annabelle Leech left London in the sixties for a new life in Florence
4.30 Science Now: Peter Evans visits the European AstroFest in London
5.00 Hester's Collection
● CHOICE: Matthew Parris's programme is a variation on the treasures-in-the-attic theme that has provided BBC television's *Antiques Roadshow* with an occasional *frisson*. A Youth Training Scheme worker, giving Torquay Museum a spring-clean, found a pile of canvas-covered albums at the back of a cupboard. It was Hester Forbes-Julian's autograph collection, not seen since 1934, and a dazzling array — letters from Jane Austen, Keats, Goethe, Napoleon, and numerous English and French monarchs (s)
5.25 The Art of Travel: Annette Kobak meets friends of the travel writer and novelist Bruce Chatwin, who talk about *the* man behind the legend (s) *5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather*
6.00 News and **Sports Round-Up**
6.25 Week Ending (r) (s)
6.50 Postcard from Gotham: Mark Steyn discusses key issues in the United States (s)
7.20 Kaleidoscope: Manchester — RIP? Manchester led the way in style, music and culture during the eighties. Quentin Cooper charts the city's subsequent fall from grace (s)
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: Crossed Lines, by David Halliwell. Abwin (Ian Hogg) telephones a friend to discuss his £88,000 debt. During the conversation, a woman interrupts on a crossed line and offers to help. With Claire Faulconbridge as Zadia (s)
9.20 Music in Mind, presented by Brian Kay (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten, led by the Rev Dr Leslie Griffiths (s) **9.59** Weather **10.00 News**
10.15 The Year in Question: John Humphrys chairs the second semi-final between the *South Wales Evening Post* and the *Birmingham Evening Mail* (r)
10.45 Idle Thoughts: John Walters asks: "Who Am I?" (r) (s)
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Graham Wells and Stephen Roe of Sotheby's (r)
11.30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (r) (s)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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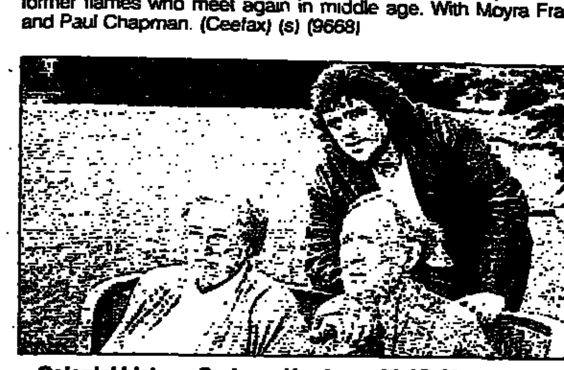
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SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.00 Felix the Cat. Animation (5938736) **7.15 Smoggies** (r) (1764754) **7.40 Playdays.** For the very young (r) (9507804) **8.00 Blue Peter's Tracy Island.** Anthea Turner makes a model of the *Thunderbirds'* haedquarters (r) (5595026)
8.15 Breakfast with Frost. Includes a review of the day's national papers and **News** and weather at **8.15** and **9.00** (518552)
9.15 The Good Book Guide. Tony Robinson continues his exploration of the New Testament (s) (8903692)
9.30 This is the Day. Tony Phelan joins young people attending a conference at Carberry Tower in Midlothian (s) (98259)
10.00 See Hear! Magazine series for the hearing impaired (s) (74007)
10.30 Japanese Language and People (r) (75129). Wales: Careering Ahead **11.00 Careering Ahead.** Can a super-salesman be trained? (2113). Wales: (to 12.30) See You Sunday **11.30 Off the Back of a Lorry.** The prospects for British business in Italy (r) (3842)
12.00 Advice Shop For consumers of welfare and public services (r) (86281)
12.30 Country File. John Craven explores rural issues (3618736) **12.55 Weather** (98632910). Wales: Down to Earth
1.00 News (48769858) followed by **On the Record**, presented by Jonathan Dimbleby and John Cole (6167668)
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (75736)
3.00 Columbo: Murder by the Book. The scruffy sleuth cannot resist the challenge of a so-called perfect murder. Starring Peter Falk and Jack Cassidy, directed by Steven Spielberg (r) (3208910) **4.10 Cartoon** (2835397)
4.20 Biteback presented by Sue Lawley. Includes an investigation into claims that the *DEF II's Reportage* misled young people taking part in the programme, and a look at why *Tomorrow's World* is losing viewers. (Ceefax) (9086552)
5.00 The Clothes Show, with Jeff Banks, Caryn Franklin and Brenda Emmanus (s) (4312129)
5.25 Antiques Roadshow. Hugh Scully and his team of experts are at the Arts Centre of Warwick University. (Ceefax) (s) (4335674)
6.10 News with Moira Stuart. Weather (748910)
6.25 Songs of Praise from the Roman Catholic cathedral of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood. (Ceefax) (s) (528552)
7.00 As Time Goes By. Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer superb as the former flames who meet again in middle age. With Moyra Fraser and Paul Chapman. (Ceefax) (s) (9668)



Colonial history: Spriggs, Hordern with McShane (7.30pm)

7.30 Lovejoy. Comedy drama starring Ian McShane as the dodgy antiques dealer, this week involved with a flag from the American War of Independence which is claimed by a number of people. With Michael Hordern and Elizabeth Spriggs. (Ceefax) (s) (634587)
8.25 So Haunt Me. Paul A. Mendelson's laborious comedy starring Miriam Karlin as a Jewish ghost haunting her old house and playing havoc with the lives of new owners George Costigan and Tessa Peake-Jones (Ceefax) (s) (897945)
8.55 One Foot in the Grave. More hilarious melancholy from the incomparable Richard Wilson. Victor and Margaret (Annette Crosbie) are invited to Victor's cousin's sixtieth birthday party and Margaret collapses with exhaustion. (Ceefax) (s) (884026)
9.25 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (460674)
9.40 Mastermind presented by Magnus Magnusson from Arundel Castle. The specialist subjects are Charles II, British athletics since 1945, Gerard Manley Hopkins and Dietrich Bonhoeffer (s) (552213)
10.10 Heart of the Matter: Tell Me the Truth. Should a doctor hide the truth from a patient? (459991)
10.45 What Shall We Tell the Children? Parents' guide to teaching their children the facts of life (s) (560620)
11.05 Famously Fluent. Lord Wetherill remembers his Urdu. (Ceefax) (344910)
11.10 Doogie Howser MD. Adventures of a teenage medical genius (s) (460397). Northern Ireland: (to 12.05) Omnibus
11.35 This Country's Rockin'. Rock 'n' roll country music from Pontiac, Michigan (s) (489552)
12.25am Weather (3674137)

BBC2

6.40 Open University: Pure Maths — Maps (4705945) **7.05** Designs for Living (6518656) **7.30** Children's Drawings (4979465) **7.55** The Changing Experience of Education (5711823) **8.45** Open Forum (1756465)
9.10 Christopher Crocodile (r) (s) (9841804) **9.15 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (r) (Ceefax) (9663823) **9.40 Time Busters.** Fantasy adventure game (3119674) **10.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r). (Ceefax) (6040216) **10.30 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4012303) **10.55 Blue Peter Omnibus** (r) (s) (3969571) **11.45 The O-Zone** featuring Take That! (s) (2326858)
12.00 Thunderbirds. Classic puppet adventures (r). (Ceefax) (1786197)
12.50 The Invaders. *Science fiction adventures (r) (1908552)*
1.40 Snooker. The opening match in the Benson and Hedges Masters, from the Wembley Conference Centre. The featured match is Willie Thorne against Chris Small from Edinburgh (87141262)
2.00 Regional Westminster Programmes (6194). Northern Ireland: Country Times; Wales: Week In Week Out
2.30 Millennium: Tribal Wisdom and the Modern World. Series on the influence of tribal values on Western civilisation (97378)
3.30 Snooker. Further coverage of the Benson and Hedges Masters from Wembley Conference Centre (6135113)
4.35 Ski Sunday. The world championships from Japan (1737303)
5.10 Rugby Special. Highlights of yesterday's five nations' championship matches between Wales and England and France v Scotland (5276533)
6.10 The Natural World: Ice Fox. The story of two Arctic fox families battling a merciless northern winter. (Ceefax) (s) (648755)
7.00 The Money Programme. John Penycate reports on the attempts to privatise Russia's heavy industries (653007)
7.40 The Adventurers: Respect for the Midland Bank. A year in the life of a venture capital house. (Ceefax) (s) (805197)
8.20 Dancing: Dance Centre Stage. Miranda Richardson narrates the series on global dance culture (s) (956007)
9.20 Did You See . . ? Jeremy Paxman and his guests, Jack Laurence, *Imelda Staunton and Zelda West-Meads, review One Foot in the Grave, Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam* and *The Good Sex Guide* (s) (439736)



Fatal attraction: Italian temptress Sophia Diaz (10.00pm)

10.00 Screen Two: Femme Fatale.
● CHOICE: A rum black comedy by Simon Gray charts the disruptive effect of a fetching young Italian woman on a sleepy Devon village. Maddalena (Sophia Diaz) comes to England after the death of her parents and rushes into marriage with Davey (Jason Durr), whose family runs the village shop. The marriage is a disaster but Maddalena has a remarkable knack of stirring passions in others. The outcome is a chain of comic deaths unrivalled since *Kind Hearts and Coronets*. Gray's comic touch is uneven, mixing relishable wit with sexist gags that would hardly be acceptable in West End farce. His serious point, about the destructive power of sexual repression, is well made but becomes a shade laborious. Colin Welland enjoys himself as an aging lecher but Simon Callow's dotty vicar steals the show. (Ceefax) (s) (6655939)
11.15 Snooker. Action from the Benson and Hedges Masters (774281)
12.15am Later with Jools Holland. With John Cale, dc Basehead and Mary Coughlan (r) (s) (3211595). Ends at **1.30**

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ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8595804)
9.25 Disney Club presented by Richard Orford, Andrea Boardman and Paul Hendy. The guest include Mike Rosen and, providing the music, the Adventurers (9517642)
10.45 Link. Disabled people give their views on *The Waterdance*, the controversial film about spinally injured young men (Teletext) (9884649)
11.00 Morning Worship from Greenwich to celebrate the annual Women's World Day of Prayer (19668)
12.00 Package Pilgrims. Anne Gregg is in Tuscany (Teletext) (s) (88649)
12.30 Crosstalk *presented by Peter Allen The guest is Brian Hitchen,* editor of the *Daily Star* (s) (20113)
1.00 News and weather (80713113) **1.10 Walden.** Brian Walden asks Paddy Ashdown, MP, whether it is time to reform the monarchy (s) (3383620)
2.00 Bright Lights, Big City. Gavin Weightman continues his history of entertainment in the capital. His guest is Denis Norden, once manager of the Trocadero Elephant and Castle (3620)
2.30 The Match. Live coverage from Selhurst Park of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final, first leg game between Crystal Palace and Arsenal The commentators are Brian Moore and Ron Atkinson (375587)
5.00 Wish You Were Here . . ? Reports from Turkey, Belgium and Edinburgh (r) (7200)
5.30 Bullseye Darts and general knowledge quiz game presented by Jim Bowen (587)
6.00 London Tonight with Fiona Foster. Sport and weather (472465)
6.20 News and weather (192842)
6.30 Film: The Goonies (1985) starring Sean Astin and Josh Brolin Sluggish fantasy adventure, based on a story by Steven Spielberg, about a group of children who go in search of pirate treasure Directed by Richard Donner. (Teletext) (34374587)
8.25 You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle introduces another collection of humorous home video disasters (719113)
***8.55 News** and weather (156755)*
9.20 Agatha Christie's Poirot: The Case of the Missing Will. The dapper detective investigates the death of a wealthy misogynist Starring David Suchet, Hugh Fraser and, in a welcome return, Philip Jackson as the lugubrious Inspector Japp (Teletext) (444533)
10.20 Hale and Pace. Includes a sketch about the first matador from Leeds (518465)



Snappy work: the photographer Annie Leibovitz (10.50pm)

10.50 The South Bank Show: Annie Leibovitz.
● CHOICE: A profile of the American photographer Annie Leibowitz presents a career of two halves. Leibowitz made her name snapping pop stars for *Rolling Stone*. Her work was raw-edged and spontaneous, catching her subjects on the hoof. It constitutes a vivid record of the American youth culture of the 1970s. Then she joined *Vanity Fair* and started servicing the fashionably famous. Her photographs became posed and contrived. Her most famous picture is of the naked and pregnant film actress Demi Moore. The programme logs the follow-up assignment, featuring Moore in body paint, which took three days and cost a fortune. A critic from the *Washington Times* suggests that Leibowitz has become part of the celebrity public relations machine. Makers of television arts programmes, of course, face a similar danger (s) (346674)
11.50 Encounter: Holy Joe's. A profile of Dave Tomlinson, who has set up a place of worship in the back room of a Brixton pub (963194)
12.20am Cue the Music. Jimmy Hendrix in concert at Berkeley (9728224)
1.25 TXT. *Pop music charts from the continent* (7400243)
2.25 Summerrock. The band Triple Rock in concert at the Roskilde Festival (9582779)
3.30 Snooker. James Wattana v Ronnie O'Sullivan in a European League match (63717)
5.30 ITN Morning News (82205). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (6505295) **6.55 Spiff and Hercules** (7677007) **7.05 Widget** (s) (8213084) **7.30 Sandokan** Animation (91262) **8.00 The Hammerman** (1120200) **8.25 The Finder.** Drama about a time-trapped ten-year-old (5644533) **8.50 Dennis** (r) (2371571) **9.00 The Adventures of Tintin** (99755) **9.30 Dennis** (r) (6578991)
9.45 Flipper. Adventures of a friendly dolphin (466945) **10.15 The Miraculous Mellops.** Australian fantasy drama (385026)
10.45 Land of the Giants. The space travellers are captured by a fairground gypsy who wants to put them on show (520397)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie The story of a close-knit Kansas Plains family during the Depression years. Starring Michael Landon and *Hermione Baddeley (9500113)*
12.40 Football Rules Last in the series (24807991)
12.55 Gazza's Soccer School. Paul Gascoigne, the flatulent footballer, displays his skills to youngsters at a soccer school in Wembley (r) (s) (24820842)
1.10 Film: The Pirates of Penzance (1983) starring Kevin Cline, Angela Lansbury and Linda Ronstadt. Joseph Papp's Broadway production of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, flatly directed by Wilford Leach (64069026)
3.15 Film: China Seas (1935, b/w). Lively high seas drama starring Clark Gable, Jean Harlow and Rosalind Russell The captain of a cargo ship carrying gold to Hong Kong has to contend with pirates and two former girlfriends. Directed by Tay Garnett (16333303)
4.50 Song of the Prairie (b/) Jiri Trnka's puppet parody of Howard Keel and other stars of musicals (4568129)
5.10 News summary and weather (2086303)
5.15 High Interest: On the Buses. With London's red buses up for sale, what lessons can be learnt from Manchester's dispute with the government over the disposal of its bus company? (1431939)
6.00 Moviewatch. Cardiff cinema-goers review *Stay Tuned, Folks* and *The Living End* (842)
6.30 The Wonder Years American comedy series. (Teletext) (194)
7.00 Fragile Earth: Dolphin Dilemma.
● CHOICE: The dolphin's intelligence and high spirits makes it one of the most appealing of all animals. More than 400 are kept in captivity in the United States alone, providing entertainment for the public and sustaining a billion dollar industry. But is this being cruel to the dolphins, a form of imprisonment which induces stress and leads to premature death? The critics are led by Rick O'Barry, whose views have done a U-turn since he trained Flipper for the 1960s television series Defenders say that having dolphins in captivity helps scientific research, which in turn helps to protect the species While the arguments go back and forth the programme looks at attempts to understand dolphins better It seems that in their ability to develop language and think abstractly, they may not be all that far removed from human beings (Teletext) (s) (1736)
8.00 Salman Rushdie — In the Shadow of the Fatwa. The story of the author's efforts to interest the international community in trying to persuade the Iranian authorities to remove their death sentence on him for publishing *The Satanic Verses* (567262)



Boy emperor: Richard Vuu as three-year-old Pu Yi (8.45pm)

8.45 Film: The Last Emperor (1987).
● CHOICE: Bernardo Bertolucci's handsome biopic of China's last imperial ruler won even more Oscars than *Ben Hur* and set a new record (nine) for a single film. It makes its first appearance on network television in a version prepared by the director. The action covers some 60 years, starting with Pu Yi coming to the throne as a child of three and ending with his twilight days as a gardener in the China of Mao Tse-tung. Bertolucci eschews a straightforward narrative for a flashback structure which does not always help comprehension. It is still an impressive film, with a strong, unshowy performance by John Lone as Pu Yi and good support from Peter O'Toole as the English tutor. But the real star is the director of photography, Vittorio Storaro, who loses no opportunity of dazzling us with his sumptuous images. (Teletext) (82665113)
11.45 Film: Carmen (1983). Carlos Saura's award-winning ballet version of Bizet's opera, starring Laura del Sol, Antonio Gades and Paco de Lucia. In Spanish with English subtitles (814620). Ends at **1.35am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Food Guide (3603804) **2.00-2.30** Get Wet (3620) **5.00-5.30** The Village Show (7200) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News (472465) **12.20** Quiz Night (7878972) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4170243) **1.15** Film The Love Cage (374359) **3.00** Entertainment UK (81069) **4.00** Cue the Music (3950755) **4.50** America's Top Ten (66283040) **5.20-5.30** Jobfinder (3525446)

BORDER
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardener's Diary (3603804) **2.00-2.30** Red Nine (3620) **6.00-6.20** The Border Week (744194) **12.20** Quiz Night (7878972) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4170243) **1.15** Film The Love Cage (374359). **3.00** Entertainment UK (81069) **4.00** Cue the Music (3950755) **4.50** America's Top Ten (66283040) **5.20-5.30** Jobfinder (3525446)

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardening Time (3603804) **2.00-2.30** Coach (3620) **5.00** Bullseye (7200) **5.30-6.20** Highway to Heaven (387007) **12.20** Prisoner Cell Block H (807601) **2.10** Cue the Music (3807663) **3.10** ITV Chart Show (6124682) **4.10** Jobfinder (3605224) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3525446)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.25-1.00 What the Papers Say (5554261) **2.00-2.30** The Munsters Today (3620) **5.00** Cartoon Time (7469200). **5.15-6.20** Coronation Street (408736) **12.20** Quiz Night (7878972) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4170243) **1.15** Film: The Love Cage (374359) **3.00** Entertainment UK (81069) **4.00** Cue the Music (3950755) **4.50** America's Top Ten (66283040) **5.20-5.30** Jobfinder (3525446)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30-1.00 HTV Newsweek (20113) **2.00-2.30** Blondie and Dagwood (3620) **5.00** Wrestling (1436842) **5.45-6.20** Bullseye (358587) **12.20** Quiz Night (7878972) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4170243) **1.15** Film: The Love Cage (374359) **3.00** Entertainment UK (81069) **4.00** Cue the Music (3950755) **4.50** America's Top Ten (66283040) **5.20-5.30** Jobs

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30-1.00 Playback

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.30 Meridian this Week (5824552) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (30891194) **2.00-2.30** Stunt Masters (3620) **5.00** Rocksport (7469200) **5.15** Bullseye (359216) **5.45-6.20** I Can Do That (358587) **12.20** ITV Chart Show (9728724) **1.20** Film: Killing at Outpost Zeta (359040) **3.05** Terrorvision (81867972) **3.25** Meridian this Week (80597330) **3.55** The Pier (8290330) **4.30-5.00** Videofashion (22972)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25 The Littlest Hobo (6404216) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees News (30891194) **2.00-2.30** For Real (3620) **5.00** Cartoon Time (7450552) **5.20** Bullseye (4238113) **5.50-6.20** The Back Page (264465) **12.20** Quiz Night (7878972) **12.50** Memories of 1974 (5327514) **1.50** Zara Dhyan Dein (9419040) **1.55** Film: Sheshnaag (68550885) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 12.25-1.00 Gardening Time (6322668) **2.00-2.30** Bon Voyage (3620) **5.00** Police 6 (7469200) **5.15-6.15** Coronation Street (6045200) **12.20** Quiz Night (7878972) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4170243) **1.15** Film: The Love Cage (374359) **3.00** Entertainment UK (81069) **4.05** Cue the Music (3950755) **4.55** America's Top Ten (66283040) **5.25-5.30** Jobs

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Westwise (3603804) **2.00-2.30** Westcountry Update (3620) **5.05** Bullseye (8185571) **5.35** Cartoon Time (157736) **5.45-6.20** Members Only (358587) **12.20** Quiz Night (7878972) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4170243) **1.15** Film: The Love Cage (374359) **3.00** Entertainment UK (81069) **4.00** Cue the Music (3950755) **4.50** America's Top Ten (66283040) **5.20-5.30** Jobfinder (3525446)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25 The Littlest Hobo (6404216) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News (30891194) **2.00-2.30** For Real (3620) **5.00** Cartoon Time (7450552) **5.20** Bullseye (4238113) **5.50-6.20** Calendar (351945) **12.20** Quiz Night (7878972) **12.50** Memories of 1974 (5327514) **1.50** Zera Dhyan Dein (9149040) **1.55** Film: Sheshnaag (68550885) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (95330)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Hour of Power (11113) **7.00** Fun Factory (7807823) **11.30** The World Tomorrow (74484) **12.00** Lost in Space (56552) **1.00pm** Robin of Sherwood (65200) **2.00** Trapper John (19194) **3.00** Eight Is Enough (78200) **4.00** UK Top 40 (84007) **5.00** All American Wrestling (4259) **6.00** The Simpsons (52736) **7.00** 21 Jump Street (99281) **8.00** Whose Baby? First of a two-part mini series (82945) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (98552) **11.00** Fashion TV (65736) **11.30** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (27216) **6.30** News and Business Report (809213) **9.30** Frost on Sunday (72571) **11.30** The National Gallery — A Private View (37571) **12.30pm** *Financial Times* Business Weekly (45115) **1.30** Target (95674) **2.30** Roving Report (39378) **3.30** The Lords (28587) **4.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (1910) **5.00** Live at Five (34113) **6.30** Roving Report (47397) **7.30** *Financial Times* Business Weekly (9939) **9.30** Target (38200) **10.30** Roving Report (58842) **11.30** ABC News (28113) **12.30am** Those Were The Days (51069) **1.30** ABC News (22214) **2.30** Target (29392) **3.30** ABC News (31137) **4.30** The National Gallery — A Private View (33934) **5.30-6.00** Beyond 2000 (424627)

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (65674)
8.00 Smokey and the Bandit II (1980): Burt Reynolds transports a pregnant elephant to Texas (35754)
10.00 Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid (1981). Private eye Steve Martin interacts with clips from Hollywood classics (48533)
12.00 Caddie Woodlawn (1991). A girl in the Old West prevents a town ambushing a tribe of peaceful Indians (23397)
2.00pm Mission of the Shark (1991): Factual war drama about an American cruiser which was sunk in shark-infested waters (329692)
3.50 Brenda Starr (1990): Brooke Shields as the comic-book heroine (816216)
5.30 Xposure: Film news (2216)
6.00 Spaced Invaders (1990). Martians crashland on Earth (51226)
8.00 The Pope Must Die (1991) Comedy starring Robbie Coltrane (63033)
10.00 The Dark Side of the Moon (1990). An alien life force threatens a team of space explorers (311303)
11.35 Island of the Alive (1985) Michael Moriarty visits his deformed child (340620)
1.10am Whispers (1989): An occult killer stalks Victoria Tennant (7190601)
2.40 Mirage (1991): A group of friends are murdered in the desert (861156)
4.15 In Gold We Trust (1990). Jan-Michael Vincent searches for buried treasure (322068). Ends at **5.45**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Adam's Rib (1949, b/w): Comedy starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn as married lawyers (6533)
6.00 David Copperfield (1934, b/w): Dickens's classic (92250200)
8.15 Scrooge (1951, b/w), Alastair Sim is haunted by the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future (27043378)
10.00 Klute (1971): Donald Sutherland becomes obsessed with call girl Jane Fonda (53939). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.00am April Morning (1988): American civil war drama (43649)
9.00 Hostile Witness (1968) Ray Milland is accused of murdering his daughter (11552)
11.00 The Charge of the Model Ts (1979): Comedy about a German spy (74106026)
12.40pm Oklahoma! (1955): Musical starring Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones and Gloria Grahame (83508129)
3.00 Hearts on Fire (1991): Tom Skerritt falls in love with his wife's nurse (56259)
5.00 Arachnophobia (1990) Jeff Daniels's home is besieged by spiders (30026)
7.00 Edward Scissorhands (1990). Johnny Depp as an inventor's creation with pointy metal shards for hands (30129)
9.00 Prayer of the Rollerboys (1990): Corey Haim infiltrates a street gang (51246)
11.00 Backstreet Dreams (1991): Jason O'Malley dreams of a better life (208910)
12.45am Friday the 13th Part III (1982): Teenagers meet untimely deaths (588953)
2.25 Scrubbers (1982): Drama about a borstal for teenage girls (510885)
4.00 Crime and Punishment (1935, b/w): Peter Lorre stars in an adaptation of Dostoevsky's novel (38040)
5.30 Robotech II: The Sentinels (1989): Cartoon adventures in space (49248011). Ends at **6.50**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Fishing the West (67755) **7.00** Redline (68194) **8.00** European League (69823) **9.00** Jack High (67804) **10.00** Goals on Sunday (97484) **11.00** The Club Show (15755) **11.30** Super Sunday — Preview (70649) **1.00pm** Premier League Football: Spurs v Southampton (550216) **3.30** Netbusters (4649) **4.00** WWF Mania (29197) **5.00** Motor World (9754) **5.30** High Five (6620) **6.00** Howzat (15858) **7.00** The Big League (72129) **9.00** US PGA Golf (250484) **12.00-2.00am** Super Sunday (62040)

EUROSPORT
6.30am Skiing (93718) **8.00** Euroscores Magazine (91736) **8.30** Skiing (45755) **10.00** Speed Skating (38755) **12.00** Bobsleigh (43736) **1.30pm** Speed Skating (28378) **2.00** Bobsleigh (51465) **3.30** Ice Hockey (40200) **5.00** Euroscores Magazine (1525378) **5.05** Skiing (5766823) **6.00** Tennis (23216) **8.00** Billiards (24945) **9.00** Tennis (664658) **11.30-12.00** Euroscores Magazine (45587)

SCREENSPORT
6.00am Motorsport (59397) **7.00** Egmond Half Marathon (66736) **8.00** Volvo PGA Golf (67465) **9.00** French Ice Racing (61674) **10.00** White Water Rafting (56649) **10.30** Five Nations Rugby Union (33991) **11.30** Snooker (61991) **1.00pm** Pro Box (558858) **3.30** Mountain Bike (5891) **4.00** ATP/IBM Tennis Tour (29179) **5.00** Pro Box USA (5741) **6.00** Basketball Bundesliga (23262) **8.00** ATP/IBM Tennis Tour (24991) **9.00** Football (44755) **10.00** Five Nations Rugby Union (47842) **11.00** Volvo PGA Golf (96755) **12.00-1.00am** NHL Review (71796)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (38242991) **6.15** Button Moon (38343674) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (1142945) **7.00** Lassie (3202262) **7.30** Owl TV (3221397) **8.00** Hot Dog (5803194) **8.30** Rentaghost (5802465) **9.00** Dr Who Omnibus (43965674) **11.15** Film: Texas Lady (1955) (7235295) **12.45pm** Film Look for the Silver Lining (1949) (66964002) **2.30** To the Manor Born (3739755) **3.00** The Bill Omnibus (2519810) **5.30** Pride and Prejudice (1025533) **6.30** The District Nurse (3721736) **7.00** Sorry! (7620026) **7.30** To the Manor Born (3710620) **8.00** To Serve Them All My Days (3532668) **9.00** Film A Chorus Line (1985) with Michael Douglas (3535755) **11.00** Ripping Yarns (2620151) **11.30** Alas Smith and Jones (1058281) **12.00-1.15am** Queen: Magic Years (1013798)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: Alexander Mackenzie (Overture, Youth Sport and Loyalty); Mozart (Divertimento in D, K136); Delius (Suite for violin and orchestra); Bridge (Two Intermezzi, Incidental music, Threads); Fantasia on Sussex Folk Tunes); Rimsky-Korsakov (Sheherazade)
9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: Balakirev (Overture on Three Russian Themes): *Composer of the Week* preview: Saint-Saëns (Caprice-valse, Wedding Cake), Domenico Zipoli (Elevazione); Vaughan Williams, orch Gordon Jacob (English Folk Song Suite); Artists of the Week: Les Arts Florissants performs Monteverdi (Chiome d'oro); Mahler (Blumine): Vaughan Williams (Four Nights: The Water Mill), Handel, arr Beecham (The Gods go a 'Begging), Charpentier (Ritournelle, Actéon); Bartók (Romanian Folk Dances); Peter Maxwell Davies (An Orkney Wedding, with Sunrise); Haydn (Missa Brevis, H XXII 7); Respighi (The Ballad of Gnomes); Ginastera (Suite de Danzas Criollas); Gesualdo (Ardita Zanzaretta); Stravinsky (Suite, The Firebird, 1919)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: Scottish music during the Renaissance
1.00pm News
1.05 Selected Poets: Ogden Nash and e e cummings
1.20 From the Proms 1992. Berlin Radio SO under Vladimir Ashkenazy performs Mendelssohn (Overture, Intermezzo; Wedding March, A Midsummer Night's Dream): Stravinsky (Concerto for piano and wind: Olli Mustonen, piano); Brahms (Symphony No 2 in D). Including at **1.55** Interval Reading
2.55 Airs de Cours: Les Arts Florissants under William Christie performs Lambert (D'un feu secret: Le repos, l'ombre, le silence. Ah! qui voudra désormais s'engager); Charpentier (Airs on stanzas from Le Cid); Lully (Atys — excerpt). Charpentier (Actéon — excerpt). Lambert (Bien que l'amour: Iris n'est plus; Par mes chants tristes; Pour vos beaux yeux, Iris); Couperin (Trois vestales champêtres et trois poissons); Charpentier (Ayant bu du vin Clairet; La vieille; Le mariage forcé — excerpt; Les arts florissants — excerpt). Including at **3.40** Interval Reading
4.35 Bridge: Cello Sonata in D minor (Lown Blake, cello, Caroline Palmer, piano)
5.00 Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Tamas Vasary performs Paul Patterson (Europhony); Mozart (Clarinet Concerto in A, K622: Angela Malsbury): Barber (Adagio for strings): Schubert (Symphony No 5 in B flat, D485)
6.25 Marjana Lipovsek, mezzo-soprano, Graham Johnson, piano, perform a sequence of music by Schubert, Mahler and Strauss (r)
7.30 Sunday Play: Dreams and Censorship
● CHOICE: The history books neglect to record the fact that Shakespeare tried to pressure James I to excise Revelations from the Authorised Version. David Pownall has repaired the omission in his new play. As you would expect in a work as audacious and complex as this, the Bard's motives prove to be grounded in emotions less simplistic (and more interesting) than his rejection of St John's apocalyptic dreams as "the revenge of dogma on a disturbed gestatory age." Pownall's reconstituted Shakespeare, St John and James I are Edward Petherbridge, Robert Stephens and Hugh Ross respectively
9.05 Elgar — The Kingdom: BBC Singers and the BBC Symphony Chorus and Orchestra under Andrew Davis
10.45 Organists of the Madeleine: *François-Henri Houbart, the* organist in the church of La Madeleine, Paris, plays music by his predecessors
11.15 Music In Our Time: A concert given in December by Capricorn during the New Musica 2 series at the ICA
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday from Old *Steeple, Dundee* (s) **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm: Oliver Walston has breakfast with Derek Motley on his farm near Stellenbosch, South Africa **7.40** Sunday **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Tony Britton speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* about the help given to former servicemen and women by The Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from St Finnian's Church, Cregagh, Belfast
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus (s)
11.15 News Stand, with Matthew D'Ancona (s)
11.30 Pick of the Week (r) (s)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the actor Robert Lindsay (r) (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend, with James Cox **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Lower Penn and District Horticultural Society in Staffordshire put their questions to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Bridget Moody. Chairman Clay Jones (s)
2.30 Classic Serial: Madame Bovary, by Gustave Flaubert. Third of a four-part dramatisation by Christopher Reason (s)
3.30 Immortal Diamonds: The End of All Our Exploring. Rosemary Hartill explores the changing relationship between God and the poets through T.S Eliot's *Four Quartets* (r) (s)
4.00 News; Analysis: *The New Masters? (r)*
4.47 More Wrestling Than Dancing: The Discreet Charm of the French. David Moreau ponders life's oddities
5.00 News; Nina Myskow in St Andrews: The columnist and broadcaster Nina Myskow embarks on a trip down memory lane to St Andrews in Scotland (r) (s)
5.30 Poetry Please! from the Brentwood Festival (s) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Loss of Innocence: The fifth of six talks by Misha Glenny (r)
6.30 Word of Mouth, with Frank Delaney (r) (s)
7.00 Nearest and Dearest: Anne Brown investigates how people feel about their mothers (r)
7.30 Bookshelf (r)
8.00 A Taste of . . . Hausa: Ray Gosling with Dr Graham Furniss, Aliyou Aminu of Kano, Fatima Bilbis of Sokoto and Lola Obola of Kaduna (r) (s)
8.30 Living Dangerously
● CHOICE: The last of Roger Graef's interviews with young lawbreakers dots the i's and crosses the t's he missed in the previous four interrogations. Professional criminologists will be divided on whether Graef has uncovered anything new, but by nine o'clock tonight, the lay listener will have learnt much about the shades of grey that exist between the stark blacks and whites of crime. It is debatable whether Mark, only 21 but already a veteran offender, belongs in the grey category
9.00 The Natural History Programme (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather **10.00 News**
10.15 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes: The Stockbroker's Clerk. Clive Merrison stars as Conan Doyle's immortal sleuth. With Michael Williams as Watson (3/4) (r) (s)
11.00 In Committee, presented by Rob Orchard
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Hail Mary. Roy Jenkins considers aspects of popular devotion to the Virgin Mary in the Roman Catholic Church (s)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1 FM **2.30** Rockline with Neale James **4.00** The UK Top 40 with Bruno Brookes **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **8.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **10.00** Gary Davies (FM only from 12.00) **1.00-4.00am** Nicky Horne (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Brian Hayes on Sunday **12.00** Desmond Carrington; **2.00pm** Benny Green; **3.00** Alan Dell with Sounds Easy; **4.00** Stars of the Fifties: Alma Cogan (1/6); **4.30** Sing Something Simple; **5.00** Charlie Chester; **7.00** Richard Baker with Melodies for You; **8.30** Sunday Half Hour **9.00** Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme. The Musical World of Michael Curtiz **12.05am** Nick Baraclough's New Country (r) **12.35** Charles Nove with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **2.00pm. 6.00am** World Service **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** The Dream Friend, by Bev Doyle (final part) **10.00** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative Omnibus **11.30** Fantasy Football League **12.30pm** Simon Fanshawe's Sunday Brunch **1.30** Sunday Sport, with Eleanor Oldroyd **5.30** Body Talk **6.00** A Century Remembered **6.30** Education Matters (r) **7.00** Sportsdesk **7.20** Open University: Maths Miscellany; **7.40** Fiddling with the Past, **8.00** Arts Foundation Course — Sullivan; **8.20** At Summer School; **8.40** Issues in Information Technology; **9.00** Open Forum; **9.20** The Widden Family Centre; **9.40** The Growth of Soccer and Organised Sport **10.10** Across the Line **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** World Business Review **4.40** Travel and Weather **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** News; Europe This Weekend **5.55** European Sports News **5.59** Weather **6.00** News **6.15** Letter from America **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** From Our Own Correspondent **7.50** Write On **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Classics with Kay **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Review **9.15** Seeing Stars **9.30** Folk Routes **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Science in Action **10.30** In Praise of God **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and British Press Review in German **Midday** News **12.01pm** Play of the Week: Sakuntala **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.01** It's Your World Phone-Ins **3.00** News **3.15** International Recital **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News and Business Review **5.15** Club 648 **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** Folk in Britain **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Review **11.15** Classics with Kay **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30pm** In Praise of God **1.00** News **1.01** What's News? **1.15** After Independence **1.45** Musical Mavericks **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Composer of the Month: Gabriel Fauré **3.00** News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** Poets and Places

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Romance **12.00** CD Dedications **2.00pm** Celebrity Choice. Patrick Moore **3.00** Robert Booth **7.00** Authentic Performances **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Berlin PO under Levine performs music by Berlioz and Bellini **10.00** Contemporary Classics **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

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One man's meat is a spicy dish

Lynne Truss digests the twists of the food chain from mushrooms in Moscow to llamas in London



FOR some considerable time now, a mysterious poster campaign has been drawing one's attention at the traffic lights. In a general way it's got something to do with meat ("Meat to live" it says), and is presumably intended to encourage weedy vegetarians to think twice. But instead of being a picture of a pork chop or something, wrapped in bloody newspaper, it features a bronzed athletic person running through the surf of a deep blue sea, and there is no meat in sight. "Where's the beef?" one is therefore entitled to ask. This chap is not gnawing on a salami; he wipes no grease from his chin. Aside from the fact that (ha, ha) his appearance pleasantly brings a little water to the mouth, he apparently has no bearing on meat whatsoever.

I mention it because any weedy vegetarians who tuned in to Wednesday's *The Mushroom Picker* (BBC2) hoping for new recipes for *risotto con porcini* will have found themselves on Thursday morning staring at that "Meat to live" poster with new, and wilder, eyes. It's him! He's the meat! It's a ghastly joke! Aargh! This dark and hilarious Moscow-based first episode of a three-part drama serial was admittedly not the first piece of fiction ever to draw parallels between meat-eating and sex, or meat-eating and power, but for comic rapaciousness, broad hints at cannibalism, and uncompromising lumps of raw bloody flesh on wooden chopping-blocks, it may be unrivalled in the annals of TV.

The story concerned the unlikely coupling of Clea and Kostya, played with gusto by Lynsey Baxter and Nigel Terry. Clea is a thin, pale, naïve, sex-starved English publishing assistant, taken unwillingly to Brezhnev's Moscow, and set up as a visa-bride muggins; Kostya, by contrast, is "the man with the meat", which is an expression you can honestly take how you like. You can't help warming to Kostya, by the way, because he is charisma in a fur hat; when he makes his entrance at Moscow parties, dumping down a carcass in a sack, everyone cheers and whistles. That he is obsessed with Western food is obvious from the outset. "I'm English," whispers Clea, apologetically. "I respect England," he says deliberately, giving her a quick up-and-down appraisal. "All the best cuts of meat come from England."

TV REVIEW

Who gets eaten? Possibly no one. But when Clea decides to move in with Kostya she discovers two very important facts of life. First, that if you tie your head in a brown scarf it does not necessarily improve your appearance; and second, that if your new boyfriend's life's work is a history of Russian "culinary atrocities" (proudly compiled in a huge leather-bound scrapbook reminiscent of a family Bible), you will be helpless to talk him out of it. A man has to have a hobby, and this is his.

"The hees-tory of Rassh-ion cooo-king is one of tear-orr and cunn-ibaleesm," Kostya declares passionately (in a rather cute understated Russian accent). Excitedly he turns the large thick pages, showing pictures of the human anatomy divided into joints. Clea does one of her pole-axed reaction shots with a little gasp and whimper (she is terribly good at these), and then tells him he has a duty to Russia to publish what he knows. But he is ahead of her. "I *em* Rasshia!" he laments, with Slavic emphasis. "In the stow-mack! Zet iz my trogedy!"

You will notice I have left out all the sex stuff. It's just that food is ultimately more interesting, and is better at keeping you alive. Clea herself discovers this — that, whereas in the West one might buy sex with food, in Moscow in extremis, you buy food with sex. Poor Clea. She is obliged to "lend" Kostya to their blonde fat neighbour, who works on a meat counter, and then *eat the meals that result*. It is degrading, obviously. And she is dead suspicious of the meat, given Kostya's unusual interests. Moreover, while the infernal bargain is being driven by Kostya indoors, Clea walks the grey snowy streets in her scarf; the very picture of "I Am a Fugitive From a Food Chain".

I don't know what happens next. I tried to buy the book (by Zinovy Zinik), but it was a fool's errand, because there is a shortage, and it is not available until next week. I am keen to know whether Kostya ought to be a larger man — not because anything is lacking from Nigel Terry's truly expansive performance, but because it strikes me that our leading actors (aside from Alfred Molina) are simply too thin to play Russians. "Here comes Platonov!" yell the assembled Chekhovian company in theatre productions. "He has put on weight over the winter! He has got quite fat! Look at the girth . . ." And so on. And then on walks someone really thin, like Ian McKellen or Stephen Rae.

Oh well. Back at the food chain, Molly Dineen's terrific four-part series about London Zoo, *The Ark* (Tuesdays, BBC2), reached the three-quarter stage this week, and the only disappointment was that it had run out of resonant Darwinian tooth-and-claw titles. We have had "Survival of the Fittest" and "Natural Selection", and unfortunately there aren't any more. But by now the viewers have probably caught the irony, which is that while the zoo's dumb animals are passive and accepting (and sometimes pose with tears in their eyes), the zoo's management, caught stuck in the mud when the economic climate changed, is struggling and lashing in its ruthless will to survive.

Molly Dineen's wry editing underlines mildly but repeatedly how absurd this is. She shows you a bespectacled Director of Operations stating: "In the 1980s, every animal must earn its keep in the market-place," and cuts straight to a shot of a llama looking vacant. The connection is obvious. Look, an animal earning its keep in the market-place. Or hang on, is it an animal *not* earning its keep in the market-place? Blimey, how would it look different?

I can hardly believe this is only a four-part series. When it is over, I will still need to see Brian the elephant keeper, and Dave the bird-man. The keepers are the undisputed heroes of the series; marvellous how old memories of Johnny Morris (*Animal Magic*) can be eradicated so easily. It turns out that zoo keepers are quite grown-up and don't poke fun at the animals a bit.

This week's programme, "A Political Animal", concerned the arrival of a giant panda (interpreted by cynical observers as a last-gasp bid for gate-receipts); and also an insurrectionist plot designed to save the zoo's breeding programmes and stop the slide towards pure fun-fair. A worthy aim, obviously; especially when anyone will tell you that children dislike the sight of caged animals anyway, and so don't come to the zoo. Promise to show them some near-extinct snails breeding in a Perspex box, on the other hand, and they might be open to persuasion.

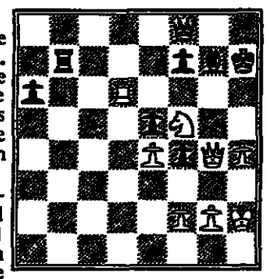
But that's just my theory. I went along recently to Regent's Park and naïvely asked for the bears, but they don't do bears any more. "They got stereotypical in their behaviour," someone explained in this week's programme. It was an arresting phrase. Presumably it meant they were unhappy. Because if it meant they kept saying "Smarter than the average bear, Boo Boo," and stealing pic-a-nic baskets, they would have been kept on. It would have been called earning your keep in the market-place.



Sex, lies and a nice bit of rump: Lynsey Baxter and Nigel Terry make a meal of Moscow nights — but whose flesh are they eating?

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



This position is from the game Wolff — Bronstein, Wijk aan Zee 1992. White has successfully infiltrated the black kingside, and his pieces are poised menacingly close to the king. How did he finish off?

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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

SYMONDITE
a. A small warship
b. Potassium chloride
c. An Anabaptist heretic

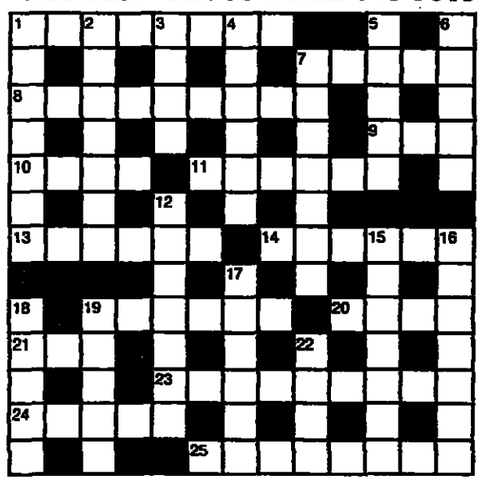
PULLORUM
a. An Advent collect
b. A hen disease
c. A legionary's shield

DENN
a. A woodland pasture
b. Grendel's lair
c. An Anglo-Saxon rune

LIATRIS
a. A robber
b. A spiky herb
c. A triple invocation

Answers on page 2

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3015



ACROSS
1 Word for word (8)
7 Circus joker (5)
8 Shocking surprise (9)
9 Set limit (3)
10 First man (4)
11 Arouse (6)
13 Ditch (6)
14 Persevere (4,2)
19 Crowd together (6)
20 Inflame (4)
21 Set down (3)
23 New York financial centre (9)
24 Humorous (5)
25 Post abandoner (8)

DOWN
1 Pulsating (7)
2 Destructive behaviour (7)
3 As well (4)
4 Mountaineer's snow pick (3,3)
5 Compulsion (5)
6 Suffolk concert maltings (5)
7 Asserted (7)
12 Military school (7)
15 Door knocking noise (7)
16 Companion (7)
17 Sudden descent (6)
18 Frank and hearty (5)
19 Laughing mammal (5)
22 Window glass (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3014

ACROSS: 7 Soil 8 In action 9 Hurrah 10 Totter 11 Hint 12 Roll call 15 Intrepid 17 Prow 18 Plumes 21 Busker 22 Transfer 23 Loot

DOWN: 1 Locution 2 Claret 3 Higher up 4 Part 5 Static 6 Mole 13 Ladybird 14 Loose box 16 Remind 17 Pestle 19 Lark 20 Safe

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Tearful questions of attribution

TV PREVIEW

● **Antiques Roadshow**
Tomorrow, BBC1, 5.25pm
Huge disappointment all round when it is discovered that the two Old Master drawings uncovered in the recent Kingsbridge edition of the *Roadshow* are not the work of Titian and Veronese, after all. Will they be returned to their owner with "Beware Misattribution" scrawled on them in red pen? Peter Nahum, the expert who said he would report back when he had done more research, now regretfully ascribes the pictures to lesser artists, and the hopeful punter must dry his eyes. Oh, the drama of it all. I don't know whether to laugh or cry.

● **Film 93 Special**
Monday, BBC1, 10.10pm
Barry Norman interviews Robert Redford and is presumably too polite to say what everyone else is thinking — viz, "Haven't you *aged*?" — yet somehow the famous golden-boy physiognomy is never far from the front line of questioning. Peg for this special audience is Redford's latest project as director, *A River Runs Through It*, a film about religion and fishing.

● **Timewatch: The Stolen Child**
Wednesday, BBC2, 8.10pm
The distressing story of the 200,000 Polish children taken by Nazis for use as German "breeding stock" gets an airing here, with Catrine Clay's film concentrating on Alojzy Twardecki, whose upbringing was so dramatically interrupted by the politics of nationality (twice) that he makes anybody else's identity crisis look like a picnic with cake. Abducted from Poland in 1942 at the age of four, he learned to forget Polish, love his wealthy German parents, and idolise Hitler; then, at 15, he was reclaimed by his Polish mother, and had the Nazism knocked out of him again. Nowadays, not surprisingly, he professes no nationality at all.

● **Damned in the USA**
Wednesday, Channel 4, 11.20pm
Repeat of Paul Yule's much acclaimed 1991 film about pressure-group censorship of the arts in the USA, with a special new prologue about the lawsuit brought against Channel 4 itself by the Rev Donald Wildmon of Mississippi when the documentary was first shown in the US. A participant in the film (speaking as the head of the influential moral watchdog, American Family Association), Mr Wildmon objected that Yule had included excerpts from the "obscene" artworks — photographs by Robert Mapplethorpe, and so on — that he had spoken about and deplored. In Channel 4's defence, it was pointed out that Mr Wildmon had himself sent copies of these images to the American media when organising his campaigns. Touché. A very provocative and witty film, then, *Damned in the USA* trails all kinds of right-on credentials about withstanding censorship. So why is it to be broadcast so late at night?

GUILTY SECRETS

Zelda West-Meads of Relate



"I do have a motive for watching *Drop The Dead Donkey*. As I'm constantly dealing with the press in my work, it's all the more amusing for me to see them from the other side. It's gloriously bitchy and a brilliant example of the worst aspects of office politics. All the staff are undermining each other all of the time — I wouldn't like to be on the receiving end of their behaviour. The humour is very cruel."

Everything and then some

Caitlin Moran meets a band that defies definition



MANY pale young lads of a certain age spend a lot of their time lying on their beds and wishfully dreaming about putting a band together. Obviously the band would have to be sumptuously funky, and, of course, all your work would have to be critically acclaimed, commercially successful and yet painfully hip, all at the same time. Pale young lads, in essence, would like to be the Stereo MC's. And the Stereo MC's want to be . . . a television station?

"I wanna see dreads and nose-rings and everything on my television," says Bob Birch, lead singer with the Stereos. "And the only time you ever get to see people from different countries on television is when it's some kind of crisis — you never get to see them in ordinary settings doing ordinary things. You just get 'starving Africans' and 'looting black Americans'. Everybody's just kept in a little box with a label on it. I want to have television programmes with respect."

Birch looks distinctly Dickensian — occasionally during the interview I have to resist the urge to call him Fagin and burst out into a squeaky rendition of "Food Glorious Food". Birch and Nick Hallam, also known as The Head, are the hard core, the firm base, that the glittery pagoda of the Stereo MC's is built on. An edifice put together with enthusiasm, love, determination, and The Head's former home.



Self-taught: the Stereo MC's learnt about music from records bought in junk shops

The Head had a really nice flat, see, that he was quite fond of. Handily, so was a local property developer, who, in a fit of generosity and desperation, came round to the Head's flat with a suitcase containing £1,000, which he was willing to donate to a very worthy cause — The Head — if he would just care to move out. The Head accepted and invested in a recording studio. And lo! in the west of London, Gee Street, home of the Stereo MC's, was born.

Birch says, "Music is a lot to do with how you see life; it seeps into your brain and colours your view. I used to run around doing stupid things" — from the way he says this I assume he doesn't mean just putting incorrect postcodes on letters and failing to re-fold jumpers he'd tried on in Benetton — "and music has changed my mind a lot, made me mellow out. We used to go around junk shops buying 20p records, and educated ourselves about music that way. Funk, soul, gospel, rap, jazz and dub records. A bit of everything, really."

The Stereo MC's are not a straightforward funk band, nor a fairly uncomplicated jazz/hip-hop band, nor a reasonably simplistic soul/-rap/jazz/funk fusion outfit. They're the New Jazz-rap-rock-gospel-dub-funk-hip-hop-glittery-pop sound, known as the Stereo MC's for short, and there isn't anything else like them.

"We haven't come out of any scene," Birch confirms. "We're not from the rap scene, or the pop scene, or the jazz scene, or the rock scene; we've just been under the water a while and, like, someone threw out a life-jacket and we popped up to the surface." "Popped" is a bit of an understatement. "Exploded in a vaguely tremendous way" would be more accurate. The stomping ass-wriggle of "Step It Up" assaulted the Top 20 in early 1993, leaving it all weak and shaky; then the album *Connected* soared to number two in the album charts, leaving the competition ten pounds lighter and with a slick sheen of sweat on their foreheads.

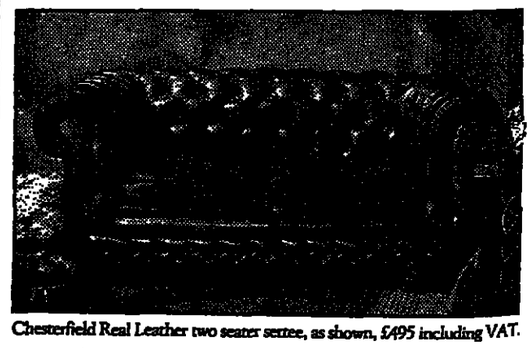
Andrea, one of the three deliriously extravagant backing singers, pipes up. "Before I got into music I was so shy. I could never look anyone in the eye. I'd either stare down at the ground or up at the sky. People used to call me The Swan; my neck was always curved."

Three hours later, Andrea, Verona and Cath are shimmying around the stage, twitching and grooving. Birch is leaping from stage monitor to drum riser to speaker-stack, and down at the front, two or three hundred pale young lads of a certain age are watching it all with boggly eyes, frantically taking notes.

● *The album,* Connected, *is on Island Records. The new single,* "Ground Level", *is out on February 8.*

Caitlin Moran on what to wear, page 11

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